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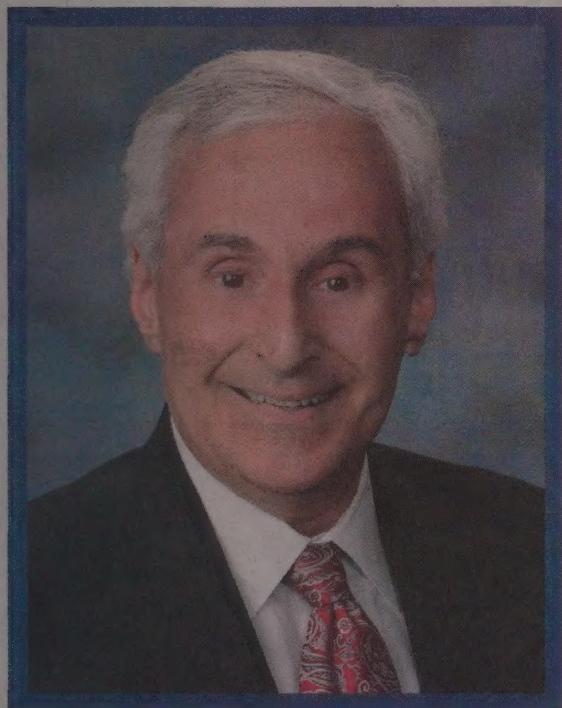
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Episode 114: This week on the "Dan's Talks" podcast, Dan speaks with Lisa Michne, executive director of the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton. Before stepping into her exciting new role in May 2022, Michne worked at East Hampton Library for 18 years, serving as the library's volunteer coordinator and head of young adult services.

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Tahir Baig is one of the East End's most trusted Real Estate Advisors. Experienced with individuals, investors, and developers alike, throughout the Hamptons and North Fork, Tahir brings his local knowledge and expertise to each and every transaction.

Currently, Tahir serves the real estate industry, as President of The Hamptons and North Fork Real Estate Association.



# SOUTH o' the HIGHWAY

& NORTH TOO...

BY FLO ANTHONY

**S**outhampton homeowner Robert Kraft has increased his real estate portfolio. According to *Behind The Hedges*, the billionaire owner of the New England Patriots set a record for the highest amount ever paid for an apartment on the island of Palm Beach — \$23.8 million for the penthouse at the oceanfront Leverett House building. It was sold by the estate of the late Erving and Joyce Wolf. Erving, an entrepreneur in the gas

and oil industry, died in 2018. Joyce followed suit in August 2022. Kraft and his wife **Dr. Dana Blumberg**'s new 5,000-square-foot condo boasts four bedrooms and five-and-a-half bathrooms, according to property records. *Forbes* lists Kraft's net worth at about \$10.6 billion. The mogul purchased his Southampton estate for \$43 million in 2021, from ex-HFZ Capital executive **Nir Meir**.

**T**here is a lot going on within Amagansett resident **Alec Baldwin**'s family. First, Ireland

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DR. DANA BLUMBERG AND ROBERT KRAFT

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**Baldwin**, the actor's 27-year-old daughter with ex-wife **Kim Basinger**, and her boyfriend, musician **RAC**, announced in a joint Instagram post on December 31 that they are expecting their first child. Then, on January 4, Ireland returned to social media, alluding on her Instagram stories that she is having a girl, according to *"Page Six."* She posted, "If one more person asks me to send a picture of my bump to them, I'm going to lose my mind. Because I don't have one. My child is so deeply nestled in there, and I'm tall, and there's just a bit of room for her in here." Meanwhile, her father, who has yet to publicly comment on his future grandchild, took to Instagram

on January 5 to encourage his fans to follow his wife **Hilaria Baldwin** on Instagram to wish her a happy 39th birthday, which was January 6. The mother of seven is close to marking 1 million followers.

**H**amptons resident **Anthony Scaramucci** has a new gig, reports *Newsday*. The very briefly employed White House director of communications is one of 16 celebrities appearing on FOX's new reality TV series *Special Forces: World's Toughest Test*, which premiered January 4. Other celebs who are among the cast include *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*'s **Kenya Moore** and former New York Met **Mike Piazza**. On

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the show, the group gets dropped into a Jordanian desert, where they are put through severe drills. Scaramucci told the outlet, "I'm a (mischievous) maker."

I wouldn't be having this conversation with you or going on reality shows if I weren't ... I think that's part of being a New Yorker from Long Island." The financier also competed on *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2019. New episodes air on FOX Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET.

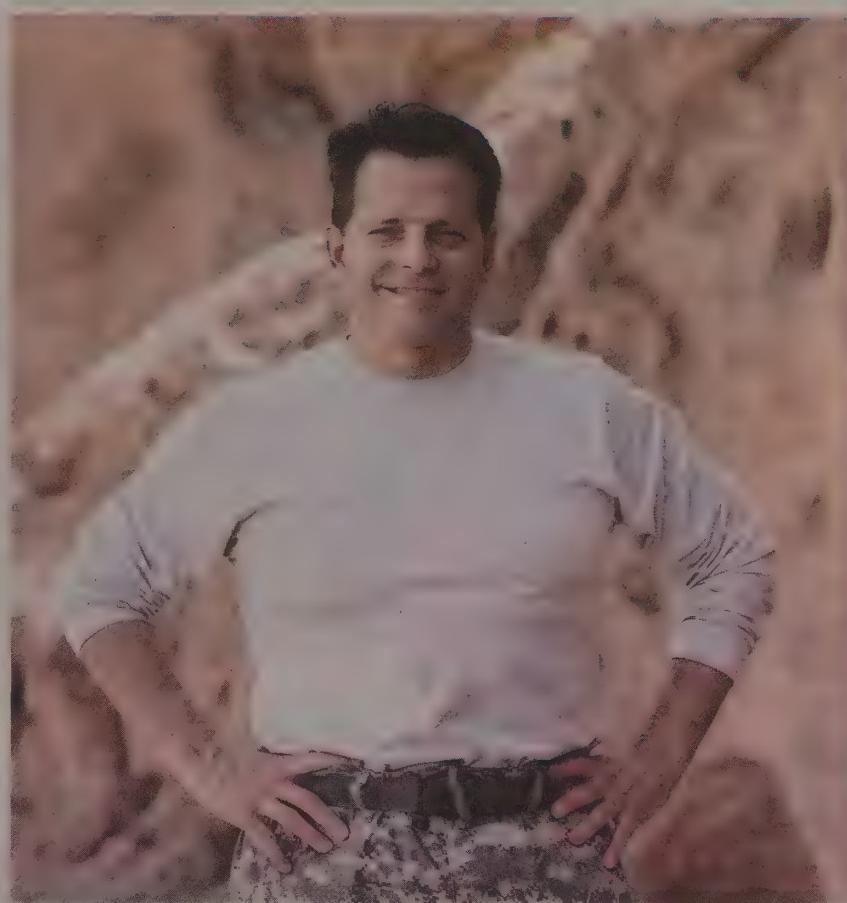
**T**here is no love lost between Amagansett resident **Andy Cohen** and **Ryan Seacrest**,

reports *OK! Magazine*. During the January 3 airing of *Live With Kelly and Ryan*, Seacrest told cohost and friend **Kelly Ripa**, who owns a home in Southampton, that the Bravolebrity wouldn't say "hello" to him as each hosted their New Year's Eve special from Times Square. Said the *American Idol* host, "It was funny because my big stage was right in front of **Anderson Cooper** and Andy. When I was not working, I was trying to get their attention." He then showed the audience how he waved his arms in the air. Seacrest

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"SPECIAL FORCES: WORLD'S TOUGHEST TEST" CELEBRITY ANTHONY SCARAMUCCI. "SPECIAL FORCES: WORLD'S TOUGHEST TEST" MADE ITS SERIES PREMIERE, A TWO-HOUR SPECIAL EVENT, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 ON FOX.

continued, "I thought maybe I was in the shot. I just wanted to wave and say 'hi' ... Anderson turned around, and he says, 'Have a good show.' Very nice. Andy did not turn around." Although she is friends with both Seacrest and Cohen, Ripa chose sides with her Hamptons homie, telling Seacrest, "That's not true. He said he was trying to get your attention."

#### We Hear ...

**O**n July 4, **Billy Joel** is heading to Madison Square Garden for his 92nd consecutive residency concert, reports *Newsday*. This performance will be the Sag Harbor

resident's 138th overall appearance at the iconic venue. The Rock & Roll Hall of Famer's shows on January 13, February 14, April 22 and June 24 have sold out. At the time of writing, there are still tickets available for March 10 and May 5. In other Joel news, the Sirius XM satellite radio network has brought back the *Billy Joel Channel* through February 2.

#### Sightings ...

**I**conic 68-year-old supermodel **Christie Brinkley**, who owns a home in Bridgehampton, looking stunning in a pink swimsuit on a boat in Turks and Caicos on January 4.

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and Rusty Nails (John Messina)

## Our Fabulous Variety Show's Winter Varietal Performing Arts Showcase

Our Fabulous Variety Show (OFVS) presented their Winter Varietal Performing Arts Showcase at LTV Studios in Wainscott. Students showcased a variety of performances that had been in rehearsal at Project Most in East Hampton for eight weeks. With each performance having their own genres of tap dance, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and Irish step, there was something for everyone to enjoy. After the Winter Varietal, OFVS hosted a family-friendly variety-show-style performance in their After Hours Diva Cabaret, featuring drag queens RaffaShow, Rusty Nails and the debut of Miss Nina!

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Cast of the December Winter Varietal with directors Kasia Klimiuk and Anita Boyer



Melanie Vizcaino, Ella Menu, Bridget Stonemetz, Jade Samuelson, Anita Boyer, Jaelyn Hernandez, Sabrina Mello Da Silva, Fairleigh Stewart, Antonia Vogel



Olive Guinan, Amelia Schreck, Emerson MacKay, Violet Cohen, Fay Feleppa, Mackenzie Gregor, Suraiya Guzman



Zoe Leathers, Ella Menu, Sabrina Mello Da Silva, Melanie Vizcaino, Jaelyn Hernandez, Jadiel Rodriguez, Jade Samuelson, Lori Rodriguez

## The Drama League's Winter Mixer

East Hampton's Bonnie Comley hosted The Drama League Winter Mixer with Gabriel Stelian-Shanks and Bevin Ross to celebrate fellow board members, directors and invited guests for their support and success at The Drama League. For each year over the past decade, at least 30% of Broadway shows were directed by The Drama League Directors Project Alumni. With food and drink in hand, the organization and their guests toasted their hard work in ensuring the return of live theater.

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Stewart F. Lane, The Drama League President  
Bonnie Comley



Artistic Director  
Gabriel Stelian-Shanks



Komiko Yoshii, Executive Director Bevin Ross



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## The Fireside Sessions with Nancy Atlas and Friends

The Bay Street Theater hosted Fireside Sessions with Nancy Atlas once more! The band performed its highly acclaimed series, accompanied by special guests featuring local musicians over the course of two nights. Their music warmed the souls of Sag Harbor in the coldest time of year and quickly rose to be an East End favorite.

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## David Brighton's Space Oddity

The Suffolk in Riverhead hosted a multimedia exploration of the life and career of rock and roll's most electrifying superstar David Bowie. With flashing lights and even flashier clothes, the audience couldn't help but be starstruck by David Brighton and his band flawlessly capturing the spirit of Bowie. Brighton brought the man, the myth, the legend back to life with his dancing, singing, mannerisms and costumes.

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David Brighton as Bowie, Switch



Monica Schneider



Paul Nelson as Freddie Mercury



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## East End Food Market

East End Food Institute held their East End Food Market in Riverhead this year where passersby could stop in and listen to music while enjoying food, wine and crafts from more than 40 local vendors. If you've missed an opportunity to stop in, fear not — the indoor Winter Market is opening their doors to the community every Saturday until the end of April.

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East End Winter Market



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Christina Donovan (Blue Duck Bakery Cafe)



Father Tom (North Fork Oyster Company), Ernestine Owens



Jonny, Santino and Hendrix Lennon sample oysters

## Erin Chase Performs at Twin Fork Beer Co.

Twin Fork Beer Co. staged a venue for guests to sit down with their homebrewed IPAs and pale ales while listening to the acoustic rock of musician Erin Chase. As beer filled their bellies, Chase's music warmed their souls — a perfect way to spend a cold winter's day.

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Anthony Scott, Twin Fork Co-owner  
Pete Chekijian



Twin Fork General Manager  
Savannah Kurz, Ashley Sobel



Guests



Sean O'Flynn, Lynn Hill



Erin Chase

## A Winter Tea at John Jermain Library

The John Jermain Memorial Library held a winter tea event where folks could warm up on a January day with a delightful cuppa. Guests had the opportunity to learn about tea's history while drinking their own and swapping scone recipes. Visitors sipped their cream tea and ate jam smeared scones on fine china as author Margaret M. Johnson illuminated the timeline of tea. Johnson also sold and signed her numerous cookbooks for those who were interested. All in all it was a cozy yet classy affair for tea-lovers to sip their brew, pinkies up.

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Margaret M. Johnson



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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Springs Man Admits Killing Boss

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Springs man has admitted killing his 45-year-old boss during a fight that broke out while the two men were watching golf at the victim's Amagansett home last year.

Marc Dern pleaded guilty January 5 at Suffolk County court to a charge of first-degree manslaughter in the February 5, 2022 death of Springs native Kevin Somers, a caddy master at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton.

Suffolk County police, East Hampton Town police and autopsy results found that Dern placed Somers in a headlock, compressing the victim's neck, which fractured the hyoid bone, causing his death. Somers was taken to Southampton Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Dern, 35, was not injured. He has been free on \$150,000 bail since February. Suffolk Judge John B. Collins is scheduled to sentence him on April 14. He faces up to 25 years in prison, but is reportedly expected to receive 5 years as a part of his plea deal.

The Kevin Somers Scholarship Fund was set up in the victim's name, "to continue his legacy of sporting excellence for local student-athletes," according to its GoFundMe page. Donations can be made to The Kevin Somers Scholarship Fund and mailed c/o Thomas Osborne, Esq., 135 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937.



KEVIN SOMERS

## Group Blames Wind Farm for Hamptons Whale Death

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Offshore wind farm construction may be the cause of the death of a whale in Amagansett that was among six whales recently found dead in New York and New Jersey, environmentalists said.

The New Jersey-based Clean Ocean Action called for a federal probe into the deaths of six whales that washed ashore over a 33-day span in areas being prepared for large-scale offshore wind farms. They also are asking for a halt to site work until the causes are determined.

"Is it an omen?" Cindy Zipf, the group's executive director, asked during a news conference January 9, calling the rate of whale deaths in the two states unprecedented. "Is it an alarm? Never before have we had six whales wash up in 33 days."

She said survey boats explore the ocean floor using focused pulses of low-frequency sound in the same frequency that whales hear and communicate, which could potentially harm or disorient the animals. But a prominent marine mammal stranding expert said that while the cause of the deaths is unknown, it could be a simple function of a larger-than-normal number of whales in the area this winter, with the number of deaths rising proportionately.

And the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that, to date, no humpback whale — the species accounting for most of the recent whale deaths in New Jersey and New York — has



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ATLANTIC MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY EXPERTS TESTED THE WHALE.

been found to have been killed due to offshore wind activities. NOAA said it has been studying what it calls "unusual mortality events" involving 174 humpback whales along the entire U.S. East Coast since January 2016, which predates offshore wind farm work in the region.

The first whale in the spate of deaths was found in New Jersey on December 5. The Amagansett whale washed up the next day followed by another in New Jersey on December 10 and a fourth in Far Rockaway on December 12. Two more whales washed up in Atlantic City on December 23 and January 7.

Orsted, the Danish wind power developer that will build two of three approved projects in the region, said its current work off the New Jersey coast does not involve using sounds or other actions that could disturb whales.

"As the world's most sustainable energy company, we prioritize coexistence with our communities and marine wildlife," said Maddy Urbish, the company's head of government affairs for New Jersey. "When offshore, we combine human surveillance and state-of-the-art technical equipment to avoid any impact on marine wildlife as we build projects to advance New Jersey's clean energy ambitions."

*-With Associated Press*

## Community Preservation Revenues Took a Dive

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

After the cyberattack on Suffolk County disrupted reports for several months, Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. announced last week that revenues for the Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund (CPF) for the first 11 months of 2022 show a significant decline. A total of \$160.78 million was collected from January through November of last year, while \$195.05 million was collected for the same period in 2021 — a decrease of 17.6%.

"The impact of the Suffolk County cyberattack clouds the ability to make relevant month-to-month comparisons," Thiele said.

"Regardless," he continued, "there can be no doubt

that there has been a significant cooling of real estate activities on the East End in the last few months. Whether it be attributed to the inevitable bursting of the COVID-19 market bubble, increased interest rates, stock market declines over 2022, predictions of a coming recession, or some combination of these factors, the conclusion must be that there has been a clear reduction in CPF revenues over the last three months."

The cyberattack disrupted real estate filings with the county during September, October and November, which led to a delay in Thiele's usual monthly reporting of the figures on the 2% tax on most East End real estate transactions. Those revenues go to the five towns for land preservation and water quality initiatives.

With the figures updated for the three-month period, Thiele reported Tuesday that the CPF generated \$2.05 million in September, \$7.24 million in October and \$11.8 million in November for a combined \$21.1 million. During those same three months in 2021, a total of \$50.3 million was collected.

Still, the CPF generated \$176.4 million in the last 12 months thanks to some major sales in 2022.

Since the program began in 1999, the fund has generated \$1.971 billion.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## The Suffolk Shares Plans for \$2 Million Riverhead Revitalization Grant

BY OLIVER PETERSON

**T**he Suffolk in Downtown Riverhead (118 E. Main Street) shared details this week about how the historic theater will use a \$2 million grant that was awarded as part of the \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative announced by Governor Kathy Hochul in December.

Gov. Hochul named The Suffolk among eight transformational projects in the Town of Riverhead's revitalization initiative, and the \$2 million (one of the largest individual grants) will be used to expand its back-of-house functions.

Wednesday's announcement offers specific plans for this expansion project at The Suffolk, including deepening the stage by 20 feet, adding a green room, six dressing rooms, artist restrooms, hospitality area, tour management office and laundry facilities, as well as other support areas such as storage and more.

According to The Suffolk — which recently changed its name and put forward a new vision for the performing arts venue under Executive Director Gary Hygom — the outcomes of this project include: presenting larger acts both in physical size and celebrity; presenting a wider variety of performing arts such as circus acts, family and children's shows, theatrical productions and dance concerts, among other shows.

The grant will also allow The Suffolk to accommodate a wider breadth of community events and uses, including dance recitals, large-scale school events, educational workshops and offering a meeting space,



EXTERIOR RENDERING OF THE SUFFOLK EXPANSION PROJECT

rehearsal space and more. Additionally, the project will give The Suffolk the ability to attract more visitors to the area, and strengthen the sustainability and longevity of the venue both structurally and organizationally for many years to come.

"With this support from the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative, The Suffolk will be able to play a large role in advancing Riverhead's vibrant Downtown and enhancing residents', visitors' and businesses' experience in the area," the theater's announcement explains, also noting, "As a cultural and economic anchor in Downtown Riverhead, The Suffolk is an unwavering supporter of New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative and its commitment to enhancing downtown areas like Riverhead for generations to come. The Suffolk is enormously proud to be a part of this initiative with its expansion project that will enhance arts and cultural activity in Downtown Riverhead."

"We are ever grateful to New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative, the CDA, the Town of Riverhead, and everyone who helped facilitate this grant award," theater co-owner Bob Castaldi adds. "This award is going to allow us to finally complete the vision we had 17 years ago of making this theater a true performing arts center. With an expanded

space, we'll be able to do bigger and better things for our community than we ever have before. Looking back at what we've been able to accomplish with the limited space we currently have, we are so excited to see what our future holds."

### Additional Downtown Revitalization Initiative Projects

Along with \$2 million for The Suffolk, Hochul announced seven more awards for projects in Downtown Riverhead that will "enhance streetscapes and public spaces, expand arts and cultural activity, and (increase) housing and business opportunities."

These awards include plans to add "enhanced streetscapes and public gathering places," such as \$3,240,000 for creating a new town square; \$245,000 to enhance Peconic Park with an adaptive playground; \$750,000 for enhancing the pedestrian realm along Main Street with additional safety measures at key intersections, and installing new trees and landscaping; and \$250,000 for a rowing facility on the Peconic River.

Awards for "expanded arts and cultural activity" include \$215,000 for a new entrance and welcome center at the library; and \$250,000 to implement a public art program.

A final \$2,750,000 grant, for "increased housing and business opportunities," will be used to construct a new mixed-use development with workforce housing and retail/commercial space lining a public parking structure.

"We are committed to revitalizing Long Island, and these investments will create a more walkable, vibrant downtown that will benefit generations of New Yorkers who call Riverhead home," Hochul said.

The Suffolk's owners Bob and Dianne Castaldi spent eight years restoring the former Suffolk Theater, an Art Deco venue built in 1933, eventually opening in March of 2013. This grant marks the next phase in the historic structure's evolution as one of the East End's most beloved performing arts venues.

Learn more at [suffolktheater.com](http://suffolktheater.com).

## Habitat for Humanity of Long Island Partners with East End Breweries

BY OLIVER PETERSON

**H**abitat for Humanity of Long Island is partnering with local craft breweries, bars and distilleries, selling special craft brew and spirits cards to raise funds for building more affordable homes on Long Island.

"The House That Beer Built" fundraising campaign seeks to sell up to 1,000 of the Craft Brew &

Spirits Tour Cards, worth \$200 or more, for just \$50 each which can be redeemed at over 20 Long Island breweries and bars throughout all of 2023 (now through December 31).

Each card entitles its owner to one free beer or drink at each of the participating venues, including Peconic County Brewing, übergeek Brewing Company and Twin Fork Beer Co. in Riverhead, Greenport Harbor Brewing in Peconic and Westhampton Beach Brewing Company.

Beyond the East End, partners include Bluepoint Brewery, Aroegas, The Better Man Distilling Company, Tap Room, and Village Idiot Pub in Patchogue; Ghost Brewing Company, Destination Unknown, Great South Bay Brewery, The Brewers Collective Beer Company, and Tap Room in Bay Shore; Spider Bite Beer Company, and 1940s Brewing Company in Holbrook; South Shore Brewery in Oceanside; Bellport Brewing Company and more (including all other Tap Room and Village Idiot locations around Long Island).

Find the complete list of participating breweries

online at [habitatliny.org](http://habitatliny.org).

All net proceeds from the sale of each card will help Habitat for Humanity Long Island's mission to bring communities together to help families build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

The collected funds will be used in summer 2023 to build a new affordable home — The House That Beer Built — for a deserving family. And when the time comes, representatives from each of the partnering establishments will join Habitat's staff and volunteers to raise the walls on the new home.

While the organization builds homes for people all over Nassau and Suffolk, Habitat for Humanity of Long Island has made an impact here on the East End.

As recently as December 12, they completed an affordable home in East Hampton for a local veteran and his son who had been living in a basement apartment that was inadequate for their needs.

*Craft Brew & Spirits cards can be purchased online at [habitatliny.org](http://habitatliny.org) or at Long Island ReStore, located at 2111 Lakeland Avenue in Ronkonkoma.*

## DAN'S COLUMN

# Angry Neighbors

BY DAN RATTINER

A new movie about the Hamptons debuted on December 2. Called *Angry Neighbors*, it stars four-time Tony winner Frank Langella, Tony winner Stockard Channing, Cheech Marin and Tony nominee Bobby Cannavale.

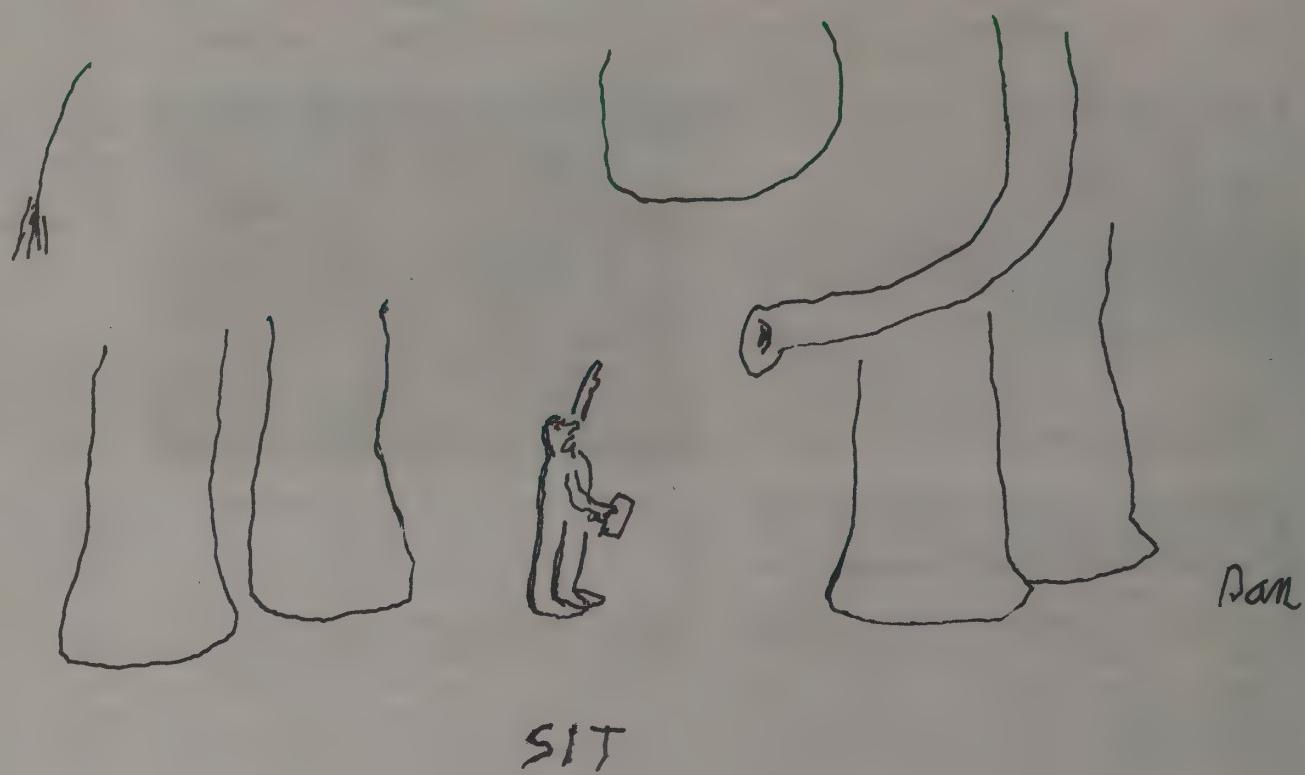
Here's how the promoters of the film describe it.

"When his ultra-wealthy neighbor in the Hamptons builds an obnoxious megamansion next door, grumpy retired novelist Harry March concocts an elaborate scheme for revenge that is destined to go hilariously wrong."

In many ways, this is a movie that needed to be made. Twice in recent years, the residents of the Hamptons — specifically Sagaponack and Southampton — got all fired up in opposition to monster oceanfront projects that celebrated unimaginable excess. One, a house of 110,000 square feet with 30 bedrooms, was completed and occupied and is now shielded from prying eyes by a forest full of newly planted evergreens. People still grumble about it. Others have accepted it. The other, a French castle with great turrets rising above the legal limit, 20 bedrooms and a shark-infested aquarium, got partially completed, lived in for a while that way (Calvin Klein had it in the end), and then finally got torn down.

One good thing that came of this outsized opulence was new zoning limits that now mute the hoopla, so to speak. And another result was a book, a stunning bestselling work of fiction by novelist Roger Rosenblatt called *Latham Rising* that appeared in 2006. Latham is the fictional billionaire. Rising is what his gigantic mansion is doing on a peninsula of land that borders Georgica Pond in East Hampton. And one person who plots to destroy this monstrosity before it can be completed — its banging construction will take years — is a retired novelist who lives alone with his dog in an old saltbox on a tiny island in the middle of the pond — and often talks to his dog, who talks back.

Indeed, this film is based on Rosenblatt's book. It says so in the credits. But Rosenblatt, for a long time, didn't think it would ever get completed.



CARTOON BY DAN RATTINER

Its production was delayed for two years by COVID, and in the end, after his screenplay was discarded and its friendly director Charlie Kessler replaced with someone else, it became so unlike his book that he asked that his name be taken off the credits. It wasn't, but it was reduced from

"screenplay by" to just "based on the book *Latham Rising* by Roger Rosenblatt."

Well, I streamed it on Amazon Prime last Sunday night and my wife and I watched it. Neither of us liked it. Which will probably mean it will be a blazing hit.

For instance, the new title for the film — it was originally called *Latham Rising* before the pandemic hit — was now changed, inaccurately, to *Angry Neighbors*. I say inaccurately because there's only one fellow in the film who is angry about things. The other neighbors, the real estate broker, the construction company owner and so forth, are in the movie very pleased with this homage to greed, since they financially benefit from its construction. It should have correctly been called *Angry Neighbor*, since there is just this one. But that would not sell theater tickets, I suppose.

Before I get to the meat of this film and what we liked and didn't like, I should pass along a scene which was written as the opening scene in Rosenblatt's book and which I consider a masterpiece. Was it to be included

in the movie? Yup. And was it? Yup.

In the opening scene in the book, it's a sunny Saturday morning on Georgica Pond and, as she does every morning at 7 a.m., local real estate broker Kathy Polite appears alongside one of the other grand homes on that pond, walks across its lawn and down to the end of a dock, stops, smiles, then slowly removes all her clothes, one by one, until finally naked, she dives smartly into the pond to start her day.

Thus does Miss Polite (pronounced Po-leet as in "Elite") market herself to all the wealthy folks living by the pond who watch her while pretending not to. She will be your favorite real estate broker.

And from that opening, in the movie, the whole thing falls apart, at least in my view. But a lot of my objections are probably irrelevant. For example, we all know what Main Street Southampton looks like. This movie was made in a small town in northern Minnesota. (Southampton is very, very expensive to film in). Excelsior, Minnesota looks nothing like the Hamptons. But moviegoers probably won't notice.

Another thing is that the mansion under construction next door to the novelist, actually built, or a façade of it actually built, is rather small potatoes. Other than the noise of construction bothering the neighbor, it would not stand out whatsoever alongside hundreds of other homes you can see

in the Hamptons today. Outrageous it isn't.

Other problems with the movie seem to me to have been caused by the fact that the film, halfway through the shooting, was stopped by the pandemic and abandoned. Then two years later it was restarted with a new name, a new director and, well, a screenplay by new writers who are, in my opinion, just awful. It is presented as a comedy. Nothing was particularly funny. The dialogue was awkward, the characters poorly developed, and the outrageousness of the rich is presented as if they are all like this, caught up in who can build bigger, bigger and biggest. (Some rich are like that. Most, no.)

These celebrated actors do their best with this awful script. But the film trudges along with nothing really coming of it other than this retired novelist occasionally hinting he has a plan, and then, well, at the end, he executes it.

I won't give it away. But let me quote from another viewer who posted an online review.

"The buildup was strong... But the ending was so anticlimactic, poorly scripted... with no true resolve, plot holds and confusion. ... (And) the main plot device wasn't even important to the film at all." It got one star.

The film is in theaters now and also streaming on Amazon and YouTube for an outlandish, jaw-dropping, er, 6 bucks.



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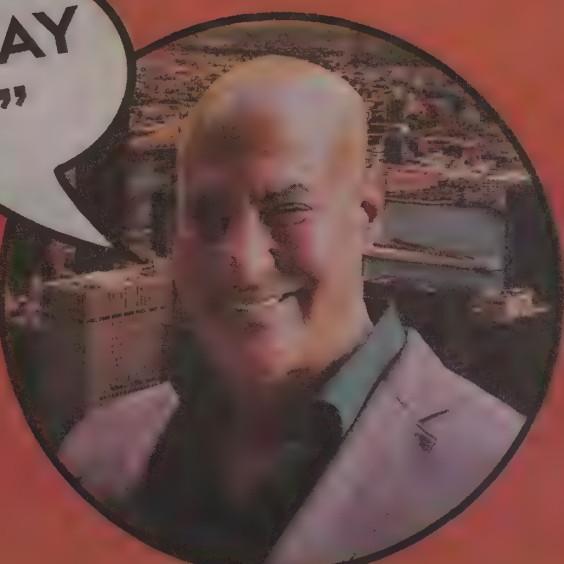
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# Inspirational Individuals: East Enders Who Made the World a Better Place in 2022

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

**F**rom the rich and famous who advocate for various causes, to the homegrown grassroots community organizers, the East End has no shortage of influential donors and volunteers fighting the good fight daily.

And these days, there are plenty of struggles that people are facing, from the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to inflation and an increasing sense of divisiveness among the public, just to name a few. But who stood out from the benevolent crowd of do-gooders in the past 12 months?

Here are our Dan's Papers People of the Year for 2022.

## FROM HERE TO UKRAINE

After millions of Ukrainians fled the Russian invasion that has caused widespread suffering across the Eastern European nation beginning in February 2022, some East End resi-

dents headed into the fray to assist in person.

They include a chef who brought food and other supplies to volunteers on the front lines, a rabbi who flew to Poland to aid refugees at the Ukrainian border and a Mattituck couple.

"We're supposed to understand what it feels like to be refugees, to understand their plight, to understand and to really have empathy for their experience," said Rabbi Josh Franklin of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons, whose trip preceded Passover, which commemorates the Israelites' exodus from ancient Egyptian slavery. "Now we're going to make sure we can help other people who are going through that same experience that we went through."

Franklin said that as a descendant of German refugees who fled the Nazis in the 1930s, he needed to answer the call to assist those displaced by the biggest attack on a European na-



MATTHEW FERTIG RAN FROM MONTAUK TO MANHATTAN FOR GUN LAW REFORM

COURTESY MATTHEW FERTIG

tion since World War II. His five-day trip in April was part of a rabbinical mission with a delegation of American and Israeli rabbis in partnership with on-the-ground refugee aid organizations, including the Jewish Community Center of Krakow.

Across the border in Ukraine, Kristofer Kalas, the chef/owner of the restaurant Hello Oma in East Hampton, traveled across the war-torn nation with a band of volunteers trying to assist those in the middle of the conflict. His calling came from the fact that his family had split their time between the South Fork and his wife's homeland for several years.

"My focus is making sure that there's still a Ukraine for my daughter to grow up in," Kalas told *Eyewitness News*. "We have so much that we can do and each day is not enough so we just, we just try to focus one day at a time and keep things moving."

On the North Fork, Dr. Tom Mercier and his wife Barbara, a nurse, reportedly flew to Poland and crossed the border into Ukraine in March to help treat casualties.

"When the war started, something in my heart said, 'How can we not go?'" Barbara told *The Suffolk Times*. "We had been there. These were people we knew. They were crying out for help."

## OUR FATHER

Father Alexander Karloutsos, head of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, was among 17 people who President Joe Biden presented the nation's

highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in July.

The honors were awarded during a ceremony at the White House, where the president shared why each recipient was chosen. Biden described Father Alex, who has counseled several U.S. presidents and is assistant to Archbishop Demetrios of America, as "one of my dear friends."

The 17 honorees "have overcome significant obstacles to achieve impressive accomplishments in the arts and sciences, dedicated their lives to advocating for the most vulnerable among us and acted with bravery to drive change in their communities, and across the world, while blazing trails for generations to come," the White House said.

"I take special pride in the bestowal of this honor upon Father Alex, and am delighted that he is now receiving national and international recognition," said Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

## STARGAZER'S SAVIOR

Art is a tie that binds the East End, and few public pieces evoke such an outpouring as late artist Linda Scott's iconic "Stargazer" sculpture, widely considered the unofficial welcome sign for travelers approaching the Hamptons.

But after three decades spent exposed to the elements, the 50-foot sculpture of a deer with a branch in its mouth had seen better days. Af-



RABBI MARC SCHNEIER OF THE HAMPTON SYNAGOGUE IN WESTHAMPTON BEACH

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ter years of being held together with patches and repairs, builder David Morris gave it a total restoration that was completed in November. It was no small feat.

"Everything that was there before except for the steel was taken off and redone, stripped down to the bare bones," he said, describing the extent of work required to properly refurbish the beloved landmark. "It's exactly the exact same shape. I painstakingly made it the exact same. Exactly. If you look at it you'll see," explained Morris, who was partners with Linda Scott and helped fabricate "Stargazer" according to her vision when it first went up more than 30 years ago.

The Manes American Peace Prize Foundation, run by Lindenhurst orthopedic surgeon Dr. Harvey Manes, donated the bulk of necessary funds, to the tune of \$100,000, last fall, and FLAG Art Foundation in Manhattan gave \$50,000, all of which is managed and protected by a Brooklyn-based nonprofit called the Arete Living Arts Foundation. Additional pledges were given through lindascott.org and the "Stargazer" GoFundMe page.

Along with the monetary donations, Sherwin Williams gave paint, GO Solar donated lighting, and Morris said Ed Quiros of Stucco of the Hamptons was instrumental in getting the sculpture over the final hurdle by coating it with beautifully applied stucco, which has a relatively smooth surface that should keep the structure protected for years to come.

## ON YOUR MARKS

The list of people who have run from Montauk to Manhattan to raise money for a cause close to their heart is as long as the island itself, but it is no less impressive each time someone does it.

Among the latest to tackle this tall task was 22-year-old Matthew Fertig of Brooklyn who made the trek in November with the goal of raising money for Everytown for Gun Safety, a nonprofit advocating for gun law reform. His run was in response to a gunman killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. on February 14, 2018.

"I was a senior in high school when the Parkland shooting happened and know several people that lost friends and family that day," he said. "Sadly, four years later, we have made little progress in the fight to prevent gun violence and mass shootings in this country."

Everytown for Gun Safety ([everytown.org](http://everytown.org)) was formed in 2013 for the purpose of educating the public about the detrimental effects of illegal guns in order to reduce gun violence in the



FATHER ALEXANDER KARLOUTSOS AND NURSE SANDRA LINDSAY RECEIVED THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

United States and to lessen the burdens of government by assisting local governments and law enforcement agencies in their efforts to develop effective policies that would combat illegal guns.

## ROCKIN' RABBI

Rabbi Marc Schneier, leader of The Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton Beach, has been as busy as ever in his bid to effect positive change wherever he goes. The influential East End rabbi helped open the first-ever kosher kitchen in Qatar to feed Jewish soccer fans who traveled to the Muslim nation that hosted the monthlong FIFA World Cup series. He announced the kitchen, which was under the supervision of Rabbi Mendy Chitrik of Istanbul, who is also chairman of the Alliance of Rabbis in Islamic States, and his son, Rabbi Eliyahu Chitrik. The kosher food included the baking of the first bagels in Qatar and other Jewish delicacies.

"The leadership of the State of Qatar is performing a mitzvah by making kosher food available for members of the worldwide Jewish community, including those traveling from Israel," Schneier, who is also president of the New York-based Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, said at the time. "Furthermore, the Qatars have stood by and followed through on every commitment that was made to welcome Jewish fans to this prestigious event."

Qatar has no indigenous Jewish community or kosher food production, which made it harder for Jewish football fans to share in the celebration of the World Cup, which ended December 18. It also has no relations with the State of Israel, but ran direct flights from the Jewish state for the duration of the competition.

His synagogue is also advancing efforts to build Jack's House Children's Center, named for Holocaust survivor Jack Gora, a founding benefactor of the center who died in 2020. The building was dedicated in July. Phase one was a project that cost more than \$13 million. The Hampton Synagogue needs to raise up to \$7 million more for phase two.

"It's the oldest commercial building in Westhampton Beach," Schneier said of restoring the historic property, which is displaying brilliant artwork by master glass sculptor Dale Chihuly, including the first menorah the artist has ever created. "Truthfully, it's like a museum," Schneier said of the new children's center.

*-With Associated Press, Queens Courier, Oliver Peterson and Briana Bonfiglio*



CARS HONKED IN SUPPORT OF THE RALLY FOR UKRAINE IN RIVERHEAD

MIKE MANATOS AND NORTHWELL HEALTH

TIMOTHY BOLGER



FULLY RESTORED "STARGAZER" IN NOVEMBER 2022 WITH STUCCO OF THE HAMPTONS SIGN

OLIVER PETERSON

# REAL ESTATE

## The 22 Priciest East End Commercial Property Sales of 2022

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

**B**ehind The Hedges used Suffolk County deed transfers available through December 31, 2022, to compile a list of the top commercial sales on the East End, from Montauk to Riverhead Town, as well as consulting with brokers and brokerages. We will update this list if we discover any other large commercial sales that closed before the New Year. For now, here's our top 22 commercial sales of '22.

**1) 66 Newtown Lane, East Hampton | \$28 million**

It is no surprise, even when the building traded in an off-market deal on June 1, that it would be the biggest commercial sale of the year. The sale of the 20,000-square-foot multi-use building is the largest ever within any village business district on the East End, according to Hal Zwick and Jeff Sztorc of Compass Commercial, who put the deal together, representing the buyer and the seller. The buyer is listed in deed transfers as Benchmark 66 Newtown LLC, a low-key investment entity. According to property records, the seller was 66 Newtown Corp., a private family entity, which bought the property in 1997 for just \$4 million.

The two-story building contains nine retailers on the ground level and 12 office suites on the second floor. The 1.126-acre property also boasts a dedicated parking lot in the rear, a rarity for a village commercial property. Since the sale, Sant Ambroeus, an Italian eatery and coffee bar with locations in Southampton Village, New York City and Palm Beach, opened in the restaurant space, the longtime home to Babette's restaurant, which closed in October of 2021.

**2) Hobby Lobby building, 1414 Old Country Road, Riverhead | \$14.777 million**

A 55,000-square-foot building in Riverhead, home to Hobby Lobby, sold quietly on July 22. The free-standing building, built in 2021, is sited on a 12.08-acre parcel that sits at the corner of Osborn Avenue and Old Country Road. Flora & Irwin LLC sold the property to Hoblob 58 LLC, a private investor. The deal was brokered by Michael Tuccillo and Matthew Klang of the Tuccillo Group at Marcus & Millichap, a leading commercial real estate brokerage firm specializing in investment sales, financing, research and advisory services.

**3) Atlantic Hotel, 1655 County Road 39, Southampton | \$13.55 million**

Coming in at third place is the sale of the Atlantic Hotel, which sold on April 12. Anthony Cerio of the Cerio Natter Team of Brown Harris Stevens, which brokered both sides of the deal, sold this property for the second time. The four-acre property includes 62 hotel rooms, a dining area, a large heated pool, an outdoor lounge area and two tennis courts, plus plenty of parking. Hampton Resorts LLC purchased the property in November of 2015 for \$5.7 million. The new owner is listed as ESC Southampton LLC.



THE BUILDING AT 66 NEWTOWN LANE OFFERS 20,000 SQUARE FEET SPREAD OUT OVER TWO FLOORS.

AUBREY H. PETERSON  
building, which sits on 2.2 acres, from Southold Properties Inc.

**7) FedEx warehouse, 579 Edwards Avenue, Calverton | \$7,687,548**

The industrial building that houses a FedEx warehouse and distribution center appears to have sold in an off-market deal on April 28. The 66,810-square-foot building sits on 10.51 acres near Route 25, just west of Riverhead. It was built in 1999. The buyer is listed only as NL-Edwards NY LLC.

**8) 2201 N. Road, Hampton Bays | \$7 million**

Hildreth Real Estate Advisors (HREA) acquired this multi-family property in an off-market deal on May 24, the first sale of the property in over 20 years. David Shorestein, Jason Breitstone, Max Padway and Yair Sarraf bought the property that spans 11,760 square feet for what amounts to \$595 per square foot or nearly \$292,000 per door. Glenn Yurgel of Hampton House Realty Corp. was listed as the seller.

**9) Offshore Sports Marina, 408 West Lake Drive, Montauk | \$6.5 million**

The iconic and shuttered Liars' Saloon was sold when Offshore Sports Marina changed hands in July. Patti Ann Kelly of Nest Seekers International — who also sold the Wainscott Inn — represented the seller and found the buyer, listed as 408 West Lake Drive LLC. In August, 27East identified the buyer as Sam Gershowitz, the founder of Gershowitz Recycling, which operates throughout Long Island. The Southampton resident also owns Star Island Yacht Club in Montauk.

Along with the bar and a second-floor apartment with two bedrooms, the property consists of three cottages — two with recent five-star renovations, each with its own keyed doors, a coin-operated washer and dryer facility and a pantry. A large office building faces the marina with a gift shop and bait-and-tackle store that boasts picturesque water views. There are also two gas pumps for boats. Offshore Sports Marina Inc. was the seller. Vincent Carillo, the longtime owner, died in 2020 at the age of 80.

**10) 2 Newtown Lane, East Hampton | \$6.125 million**

One of the prime commercial locations in the Village of East Hampton, at the corner of Newtown Lane and Main Street, sold at the top of the year and Prada soon moved in. Benchmark EH LLC purchased the two-story mixed-use building on January 31 from Red Lad LLC. Hal Zwick and Jeff Sztorc of Compass Commercial repacked the listing, last asking \$6.25 million. The building offers retail on the ground floor and office space on the second floor.

**11) 28 Newtown Lane, East Hampton & 363 Dune Road, Hampton Bays | \$6 million**

There is a tie for the 11th place on our list with two properties selling at \$6 million. The building at 28 Newtown Lane in East Hampton sold April 20. Z & S Realty LLC sold to 26 Newtown Lane LLC. This summer a Chanel pop-up took over the 2,500-square-foot building, the former home of Eileen Fisher.

Over in Hampton Bays, a marina and restaurant



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traded on July 6 with Garson Beach Realty LLC selling to 363 HB Beach Road LLC. EHP Hospitality Group is said to be expanding the footprint of The Inn Spot, a bayfront hotel and restaurant purchased in 2021, and a sister location, considered a "hangout" that will be called the Dune Spot. Located just outside the Shinnecock Inlet next to Sunday's on the Bay and Oakland's, the property is at the end of Dune Road, which is technically 363 Beach Road. There are 24 slips, a 150-seat restaurant, a 375-person capacity bar, as well as an additional 40-seat cafe and retail on the ground floor of the main building. Hal Zwick and Jeff Sztore of Compass Commercial were also involved in this deal.

**12) 11 Indian Wells Highway, Amagansett & 223 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays | \$5.2 million**

Closing just before the holidays, Hildreth Real Estate Advisors (HREA), a real estate investment platform, purchased 11 Indian Wells Highway on December 22. Known as Amagansett Applied Arts for the art school that was once there, the red barn-style structure, just south of Montauk Highway and around the corner from the Amagansett Square, is a 1.2-acre property that abuts 136 Main Street, which HREA bought a year ago. Hal Zwick and Jeff Sztore of Compass Commercial, who had the exclusive listing, represented both sides of the deal.

The two-story medical and professional building at 223 West Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays anchored by Royal Bank of Canada and SightMD, also sold for \$5.2 million. With 5,000 square feet of space on each floor, it can accommodate five tenants. The 1.07-acre lot has ample parking. The Tuccillo Group's Michael Tuccillo, Matthew Klang and Michael Apostolopoulos, investment specialists in Marcus & Millichap's Manhattan office, had the exclusive listing to market the property on behalf of the seller, Phoenix Group of Hampton Bays Inc. The buyer was Timac Kaminia Hamptons LLC, which closed on the deal on March 18.

**13) 680 Elton Street, Riverhead | \$4.275 million**

A former manufacturing plant, the building was once home to Luxfer Magtech Inc., which specializes in developing, manufacturing and supplying products that safeguard and protect, and which shuttered the plant in 2018. The vacant 35,750-square-foot commercial space that sits on 11 acres traded hands on March 18 with Elton Operating LLC as the buyer. A firearms training facility had been proposed there, which drew opposition. In October, the Riverhead Planning Board approved a site plan for the property.



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**14) 164 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays | \$4.275 million**

A rare multi-family complex sold in November, less than a year after it sold for only \$1.9 million. Fairfield Properties, a Melville-based owner and developer of commercial real estate that manages many complexes throughout Long Island, is the most recent buyer, while Hildreth Real Estate Advisors (HREA), which has been buying up commercial real estate throughout the East End, made a hefty profit. The complex is now called Fairfield Estates at Hampton Bays.

**15) 270 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays & 1049 Osborn Avenue, Riverhead | \$4 million**

Another tie for the next spot, the first being the legendary Boardy Barn bar at 270 West Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays. Under the same ownership for 50 years, it sold on May 5 to Vozi Realty LLC. The 2.6-acre parcel was listed exclusively with Jones Lang LaSalle, a commercial property management company, in October 2021. Plans for the property are not yet clear.

On September 30, a 2.5-acre lot at 1049 Osborn Avenue, on the corner of Route 58, in Riverhead sold for \$4 million, as well. The parcel is situated at a major intersection with a traffic light and 550 feet of frontage on the highway. It is zoned business commercial with access to the public sewer system. The listing says it is perfect for retail or a restaurant. Dewall Manor LLC was listed as the buyer.

**16) Shippy's, 36 Windmill Lane, Southampton | \$3.95 million**

Shippy's Pumpernickel Restaurant, a local favorite for 68 years, sold on July 14 and soon closed for a makeover. Hal Zwick of Compass Commercial and Joe Piccininni of Compass brought the buyers to the deal, while Piccininni also repped the seller, Nicolai Nielsen. John Betts, who grew up in North Sea and moved back to Southampton after serving as the president and CEO of McDonald's Canada, has been reported as the new owner, though it was purchased under 36 Windmill Lane LLC.

**17) 109 Pantigo Road, East Hampton | \$3.85 million**

This 12,000-square-foot building on 1.5 acres, which had housed Hildreth's Department East Hampton location, was the largest East Hampton commercial property to come on the market in many years, according to Lee Minetree of Saunders, who had the listing. Located on Montauk Highway, the property has plenty of visibility.



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THE MAIN BUILDING AT THE WAINSCOTT INN

**18) 30 Park Place, East Hampton Village | \$3.5 million**

Located right in the middle of the business district, the 2,800-square-foot, two-story building sold for its full asking price. Hal Zwick and Jeff Sztore of Compass Commercial represented the listing. The building had most recently been home to the Tracy Anderson fitness studio. It is zoned for retail, exercise or office use. Salomalea LLC sold the property officially on May 16 to 30 Park Place EHV LLC.

**19) Former Red Bar Brasserie, 210 Hampton Road, Southampton | \$3.4 million**

The former Red Bar Brasserie building sold to EHP Hospitality Group on February 10. Maritza Jimenez of Brown Harris Stevens had the listing on the property, which included the restaurant, an apartment above and a single-family residence. Chris Coleman of Compass represented the buyer. Red Bar, though popular, closed in September of 2018. The restaurant is undergoing renovation and will open in 2023 as Enchanté, a modern French-inspired bistro.

**20) 1742 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Sag Harbor | \$3.3 million**

The new home of another Goldberg's Bagels, the property changed hands July 5. The 1,600-square-foot building was the Hamptons location of Ed's Lobster House, which closed after last season. Three years earlier it was the well-liked Bay Burger, owned by Joe and Liza Tremblay and John Landes, who had also owned the real estate. Hal Zwick and Jeff Sztore of Compass Commercial repped the sellers and buyers.

**21) Springs General Store, 29 Old Stone Highway, Springs | \$3.18 million**

Located at the center of Springs' historic district, the Springs General Store is simply iconic. The 1.3-acre harborfront property sold June 21 and includes the approximately 2,520-square-foot store with a second-floor apartment, built in 1844 as a post office and general store. There is also a detached two-car garage and of course the old-fashioned gas pumps. Springs General Real Estate LLC was the buyer. Tina B. Plessset, Kammy Wolf and Phelan Wolf of Sotheby's International Realty had the listing.

**22) 24-26 Park Place, East Hampton Village | \$3.15 million**

A 1,500-square-foot building with an arched brick façade off the Reutershain's parking lot in the village sold on November 23. There are rental units available, most recently occupied by TASCHEN, a leading art-book publisher known for its coffee table books. Hal Zwick and Jeff Sztore of Compass Commercial were the listing agents. Agnes Wanielista of Compass brought the buyer.



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| Amagansett     | Handy Lane 3 LLC            | Ginat LLC                | 36 Handy Lane           | Residence  | 08/09/22     | 5,335,894 |
| Aquebogue      | Stephen & Linda Siganoc     | William Gremler          | 8 Willow Street         | Residence  | 07/28/22     | 750,000   |
| Aquebogue      | Lee-Yuen Lew                | Olesia Moseley           | 438 Hubbard Avenue      | Residence  | 10/25/22     | 485,000   |
| Baiting Hollow | Thomas Krischke             | Jarrett Lobell           | 229 Fox Hill Drive      | Condo      | 07/01/22     | 540,000   |
| Cutchogue      | H & S Associates Realty LLC | 31095 Main Road LLC      | 31095 Main Road         | Commercial | 08/18/22     | 1,050,000 |
| Cutchogue      | Rimor Development LLC       | Edward Boyle             | 3 Farmstead Court       | Condo      | 10/28/22     | 880,000   |
| East Hampton   | Michael & Wendy Clurman     | East Hampton FTG LLC     | 53 Buell Lane Extension | Residence  | 08/17/22     | 3,350,000 |
| East Hampton   | Lance Mickelberg            | Daniel Rodriguez         | 19 Folkstone Drive      | Residence  | 10/28/22     | 2,950,000 |
| East Hampton   | 94 Woods Lane LLC           | 94 Woods Lane Owner LLC  | 94 Woods Lane           | Residence  | 09/15/22     | 2,750,000 |
| East Hampton   | 29 Glade LLC                | Barbara Knauss           | 29 Glade Road           | Residence  | 10/19/22     | 1,800,000 |
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| East Hampton   | Patricia Martone Trust      | 777 Hands Creek LLC      | 777 Hands Creek Road    | Residence  | 06/06/22     | 1,451,000 |
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| Flanders       | Robert Burroughs            | Howard Place Realty LLC  | 20 Elm Avenue           | Residence  | 10/27/22     | 389,000   |
| Flanders       | James & Lynn Schlachter     | Gregory & Mark Torkelsen | 437 Riverleigh Avenue   | Residence  | 07/20/22     | 320,000   |
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| Hampton Bays   | Carol Rupert Trust          | Hector Castillo          | 54 Foster Avenue        | Residence  | 10/21/22     | 889,000   |
| Hampton Bays   | Lois & Vincent Trinkwald    | Guy & Debra Saracino     | 92 East Tiana Road      | Residence  | 05/10/22     | 850,000   |
| Hampton Bays   | Alyssa Farquhar             | Agron Oshlani            | 19 Oceanview Road       | Residence  | 07/21/22     | 840,000   |
| Hampton Bays   | Rosemarie & Martin Lanigan  | Gloria Chicaiza          | 12 King Street          | Residence  | 08/06/22     | 795,000   |
| Hampton Bays   | Diane & Theodore Bruns      | Juan Toabanda            | 6 Argonne Road West     | Residence  | 09/22/22     | 720,000   |
| Hampton Bays   | Jamie Thom                  | Cesar Tacuri             | 7 Mildred Place         | Residence  | 09/15/22     | 720,000   |
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| Mattituck         | Carolyn Senatore                | William & Alexus Birkmier        | 5500 Route 48             | Residence | 09/30/22     | 325,000    |
| Mattituck         | Zenith Property Group LLC       | Oasis at Mattituck Corp          | 4525 Stanley Road         | Vacant    | 06/01/22     | 275,000    |
| Montauk           | Montauk Clubhouse LLC           | 139 DeForest LLC                 | 139 Deforest Road         | Residence | 11/21/22     | 6,500,000  |
| Montauk           | B & D Property of Montauk Corp  | M Tauk LLC                       | 60 North Farragut Road    | Residence | 10/20/22     | 4,350,000  |
| Quogue            | Estate of Jeffrey Forster       | Lowell Thomas                    | 3 Southwood Lane          | Residence | 10/18/22     | 1,645,000  |
| Riverhead         | Patricia & William Wall         | James & Karellyn Rudis           | 23 Tyler Drive            | Residence | 10/25/22     | 782,500    |
| Riverhead         | Jack & Dolores Naglieri Trust   | Gary & Christina Fassnacht       | 62 Rolling Meadow Lane    | Condo     | 10/24/22     | 455,000    |
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| Riverhead         | Estate of Marion Blum           | Anne & John Kneuer               | 601 Pebble Beach Path     | Condo     | 10/05/22     | 417,000    |
| Riverhead         | Carlos M Pino                   | Isaias Tejada                    | 812 Pulaski Street        | Residence | 08/17/22     | 370,000    |
| Riverhead         | Katherine Soto Trust            | Sean Morrison                    | 83 Linda Lane East        | Vacant    | 08/09/22     | 182,500    |
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| Southampton       | Redcraft LLC                    | 420 Ox Pasture Road LLC          | 420 Ox Pasture Road       | Residence | 11/17/22     | 20,000,000 |
| Southampton       | 25 Fordune Court LLC            | 25 Fordune Estate LLC            | 25 Fordune Court          | Residence | 10/24/22     | 10,000,000 |
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| Southampton       | Jerusha & Judith Klemperer      | Crypto Corner LLC                | 81 Saint Andrews Circle   | Residence | 10/20/22     | 1,195,000  |
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### Install Carbon Monoxide, Smoke Detectors

Issues like carbon monoxide poisoning or smoke in the house could arise when you have a clogged chimney.

### Remove Soot, Creosote

Both of these resides have to be removed professionally, if necessary, to prevent it from blocking airflow.

### Check The Chimney

Whether you have a masonry or metal chimney, it is vital that you regularly check it for any cracks, dents, or rust, as they could be signs of a bigger problem.

### Use The Proper Wood

Generally, wood should be dried for 6-12 months before they're good for burning in the hearth. To make them dry faster, it's best to split logs into small pieces of wood.

### Test Before Using

Just light up a few pieces of wood first and check if the smoke is released through the

chimney. If it enters the room, troubleshoot and correct the problem first before loading up lots of wood.

### Install a Blower and Heat Proof Glass Door

The glass door will not only prevent sparks and embers from tumbling out from the hearth into the room. A fan or blower installed will help circulate the heat.

### Troubleshoot and Correct Problems

For example, white stains in the bricks of the chimney can be a sign of too much moisture due to leakage.

### Consider Safety Precautions

Keep combustible carpets or furniture as far away from the hearth as possible, make sure you're using the proper tools to clean the fireplace, and never leave a fire unattended.

### Hire a Professional Chimney Sweep

Have a certified chimney sweep inspect it at least once a year or more frequently.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Honoring This Week's Cover Art: Dr. Klaus Ottmann Talks James Brooks

BY DAVID TAYLOR

**F**ollowing our unorthodox cover last week, the January 13, 2023 cover of *Dan's Papers* features a piece by late East End painter James Brooks (1906–1992). The Missouri-born, Texas-raised and New York-settled painter is best remembered for his 1940 mural in the Marine Air Terminal at LaGuardia Airport, for his status as one of the Irascible 18 abstract expressionists who protested a 1950 modern art show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and for his home/studio in Springs, once shared with his artist wife Charlotte Park, that's now considered one of America's 11 most endangered historic places.

The art on this week's cover, a 1982 painting titled "Eastern," was provided to us by the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill, long ahead of the painting's inclusion in the upcoming exhibition *James Brooks: A Painting Is a Real Thing*, scheduled to debut at the museum on August 6. Guest curated by Dr. Klaus Ottmann, the exhibition will be a "comprehensive survey of significant scope comprised of some 50 paintings drawn from public and private U.S. collections," according to the museum's website. The show offers an overdue retrospective of the artist's fascinating four-decade career and diverse range of art styles, as well as an insightful 125-page catalogue featuring a chronology, bibliography and interpretive essays by Ottmann and other experts.

We spoke to Ottmann about the cover art, Brooks' career and the August exhibition at the Parrish Art Museum.

**How is James Brooks' "Eastern" representative of the artistic voice found in his work?**

I would say it's representative of his later style. He had several periods that he went through, and in that sense, this is basically his last style. There are a lot of works in the exhibition in that similar style.

**While Brooks avoided sticking to one dominant style, how are his works categorized in terms of period and style?**

As I was working on the exhibition



PHOTO OF JAMES BROOKS BY ANNE SAGER (1980, GELATIN SILVER PRINT, 7 1/2" X 9 1/2", PARRISH ART MUSEUM, WATER MILL, A GIFT OF ARLENE BUJESE)

COURTESY PARRISH ART MUSEUM



JAMES BROOKS' "UNTITLED" (1953, OIL AND CRAYON ON CANVAS, 18" X 24", PARRISH ART MUSEUM, WATER MILL)

COURTESY PARRISH ART MUSEUM

— which is going to be chronological and inclusive of his entire artistic development — and writing the essay, I was trying to come up with headings (for the different sections) but I couldn't really find any good ones. I ended up, in the essay, just using Roman numerals I, II, III, IV and so forth. But there are particular eras. It's a little complicated because he evolves from a realist artist who was trained in this very Southwestern style when he was in Dallas, but then there were all these interruptions. He came to New York, started to develop his style and get into abstraction, but then he was sent to Europe for the war. He became a combat artist, and, of course,

he couldn't really follow up on the interest he had developed for abstraction and went back to a more realistic style.

It was not until later, when he came back after the war. Of course a lot had happened during his absence, with Jackson Pollock becoming this really famous artist and abstract expressionism was basically created. He had to deal with that, he'd absorb some of that, and he was able to come back into it. So it was a continuous development with some interruptions.

In my view, he really came into his own in the 1940s. Around 1946 he had this breakthrough where he discovered the particular canvas he was using let a lot of paint through to the back, and he noticed that there were images developing on the backside, on the reverse of his canvas, that were sometimes more interesting than what was on the front. He developed this staining technique that other artists later adopted as well, and I think that was his real stylistic breakthrough, but he didn't stick with that. It was just a period that helped him to loosen himself more, and he continued to do some of these stained paintings for a period of time, but then he moved away from that. But that really helped him to develop his very own style, and it gave him the freedom to fully dive into abstractions and go toward the kind of style that is represented in this cover image.

**Are the colors, brushstrokes and title of "Eastern" intended to convey a deeper meaning?**

I doubt that. Most of the titles were completely made up — not all of them but most of them. He always tried to not put too much clear meaning into his paintings. He did tend to, in his later works, lean toward brighter colors, but I wouldn't interpret much into it. There are very few paintings that are clearly identified by title. There's one he made about JFK, one he made about (Igor) Stravinsky that's in the show ... but for most of the works, he really tried to not make it too easy for people to come up with some interpretation, which I think is great.

**How is the evolution of Brooks' abstract expressionism unique to that of his contemporaries?**

He was not as much of an interrupter, like some others and Pollock, but he was more of a synthesizer who would bring a lot of elements together. ... His character was very different.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

He was quite successful, but he wasn't a big star like Pollock and Rothko ... and I think it's really great that this exhibition will show more of his work and what he'd been doing. It was like an abstract regionalist style that could only be developed there. He wasn't there for most of it, but he got a little bit of it, and he kept going back to Dallas. ... There was this strong connection to the regionalist style that was very specific to Dallas that had an influence on him and made his work look very unique.

**What is your goal or approach to curating *James Brooks: A Painting Is a Real Thing*?**

I should preface this by saying that I was brought in after the chief curator (Alicia Longwell) expressed her desire to retire, and they needed someone else to work on this.

There are several reasons and goals for this exhibition. One is that the Parrish, which has had good relationships with all these artists in the Hamptons and also Brooks, received a major gift of all these works in the estate. I think the Parrish was required to do an exhibition. I had done an exhibition about 10 years earlier at the Parrish on Alfonso Ossorio, Jean Dubuffet and Jackson Pollock. ...

I was very interested to learn about James Brooks — who was Jackson Pollock's best friend and was very close to all the artists, one of the original so-called "Irascibles" — and



COURTESY PARRISH ART MUSEUM

JAMES BROOKS' "WOODSTOCK" (1931, OIL ON CANVAS, 20" X 24", PARRISH ART MUSEUM, WATER MILL)

he's not as well-known as he should be. My main goal is to make this

artist better-known.

Also, there are so many interesting stories about this artist, which are very unique. ... He was one of the few true combat artists in World War II. That's a story that's not that well known. The United States government actually did send visual artists — most of them were illustrators but some were really fine artists. Not many were very well known, but he was one of the better-known ones. They felt that in addition to having people there who would take photographs, (they should) have artists there as well with their sensibility to capture what was going on in the war in drawings, paintings and so forth....

James Brooks created one of the most well-known and highly regarded murals during the WPA (Works Progress Administration) years, which is still there and visible at LaGuardia Airport. It was probably the most ambitious — in terms of size, content and scale — mural ever made in the United States, and that's a remarkable story. There are so many different sides to this artist, and I think there hasn't really been an exhibition or a publication that has brought all of these various aspects of his life and of his work in one place. To really show his

remarkable achievements in a new light is one of my goals....

Would I have liked to meet Jackson Pollock in person? Yes, because he was a star and an interesting character. But the guy I would've really liked to spend an evening with is James Brooks because of all the things he could have told me; all the stories of his life are so amazing. I think he has such a rich life that's really worth telling. ... Brooks was, by all accounts, extremely well-liked, a very charming man, not a rebel or troublemaker like Pollock. ... He's an artist who definitely deserves more attention.

**Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional information?**

I'm very happy to be able to work at the Parrish again. I worked there for two years; I did four exhibitions there. Then I went to The Phillips Collection for about 12 years, and I retired there just a few months ago. It's really nice to be back at the Parrish and to do another exhibition there, so I'm particularly pleased to do that.

Visit [parrishart.org](http://parrishart.org) to learn more about James Brooks: A Painting Is a Real Thing.



COURTESY PARRISH ART MUSEUM

JAMES BROOKS' "MARDON" (1973, ACRYLIC ON CANVAS, 76" X 76", PARRISH ART MUSEUM, WATER MILL)

**Victoria's  
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I had to ride from Long Island to the airport in Westchester to catch my XO flight to Palm Beach. We drove up to the terminal, remarkably titled "Million Air," created by the Mary Kay family for private and charter flights.

I decided to fly private because of my injury. I didn't want to get jostled and chose to indulge myself. I took my bejeweled walker and was "driven" to the plane in a wheelchair.

# Dan's Papers Palm Beach: Here I come

sigh, traversed the aisle to my fourth-row seat, one of 16 on the plane.

The plane is a product of Bombardier, the same company that operates the JFK AirTrain. The plane had single seats and the front had single seats that faced each other. I had a ledge to put my feet on as I nestled into a comfortable position, ready for my adventure on a private jet with 11 other people, babies and dogs.

Our departure time was 10:30 a.m. and I was ready for takeoff — but the plane wasn't.

The two helpful stewardesses told me we missed our departure time and would need to wait for air traffic control to clear us. Our new departure time was 1:30 p.m., so I decided to stay on the plane — those

business with old friend Chuck Callahan, who is looking to expand his court stenographer classes at Plaza College. I was amazed that he had dozens of requests for graduates to fill job slots for a career with a starting salary of \$100,000 and an opportunity to make much more. We brainstormed a plan to achieve his goals.

Then at 1:30 p.m., the stewardess told me that our departure time was now 2:30 p.m. and could possibly be even later! So I decided to disembark the cold plane and wait in the warm, cozy-looking terminal.

Slowly and with help, I transversed the steps to the tarmac. The plane is parked a few hundred yards away, so this time I used my walker and an SUV driver got me to the



There is no ramp to get onto the plane, so I had to navigate four deep steps. But with the strong arm and great patience of XO employee Valeria, I slowly made my way one step at a time. I made it and, with a big

steps were intimidating — but the rest of the passengers went back to the living room-like "terminal."

To kill the time, I read, made some calls, checked in with my kids and even booked some

automatic doors, making sure they stayed open as I made my way inside.

The sitting area with comfortable, deep leather armchairs was vacant, so I had the space all to myself.

Lunch had been served on the plane, so I relaxed and made more calls. But staying calm was a challenge.

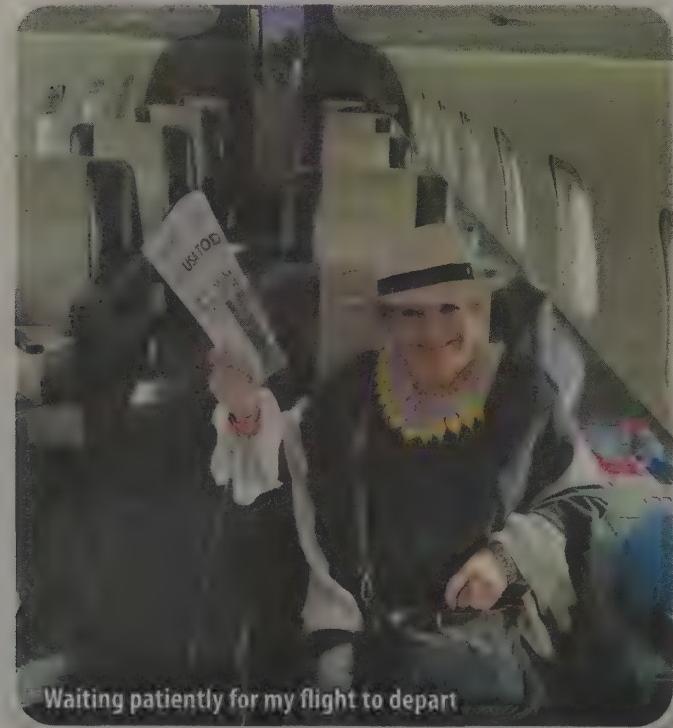
A few hours later, after being told there might be more delays, I was grateful when we finally boarded at 5 p.m.

The only issue was I had to go to Ft. Lauderdale instead of my ticketed destination of West Palm Beach, which would've been only 15 minutes from my hotel.

I decided it was better to fly to another airport and get on my way!

I remembered my dear Sheila Levy lives in Delray Beach and I called her to see if she and Barry could pick me up! They agreed and were off to my rescue!

While waiting in the ter-



minal, I noticed a propeller plane had just landed and four men walked out. I thought to myself, well, maybe it will be someone I know. Sure enough, there was Senator Chuck Schumer arriving from Washington, D.C.

I said hello and we bonded over the fact that his mom lives in the North Shore Towers, where we publish a monthly newspaper, and that we both grew up a few blocks away from each other in Brooklyn.

Of course, I asked him about the fiasco with the Republicans taking so long to select a House leader.

He shared that the group holding up the vote was filled with Trump supporters who were intransigent with their agenda. We both agreed that Trump has incited hate in our nation, including antisemitism, even though his daughter is Jewish.

I also asked him about Congressman George Santos and he shared with me that Santos has no power and will have

none, but frighteningly, the Republican "holdouts" do.

We bid each other adieu and he said I can call him any time. His aide gave me his cellphone number and I called it — I'm not one to be shy!

Ten minutes later, I boarded and we were off to sunny Florida!

P.S.: Over my few days here, my recovery has been remarkable. I feel like I'm ready to do a marathon! What a difference a few days make!



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### LIVE SHOWS

#### BRYAN GALLO LIVE AT WESTHAMPTON BEACH BREWING COMPANY

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 5 P.M.**

Head on out to the Westhampton Beach Brewing Company to hear Bryan Gallo, who will be performing many hits and originals. Craft brews and small bites will be available for purchase.

*220 Rogers Way Suite I,  
Westhampton Beach.  
631-998-0800, bryangallo.com*

#### DEANNA HUDSON & TJ FOX AT UNION BURGER BAR

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 5 P.M.**

Enjoy the soothing acoustic sounds of Deanna Hudson and the eloquent songwriting of TJ Fox at Union Burger Bar, where you can also enjoy a fabulous happy hour with drink specials and apps.

*40 Bowdon Square, Southampton.  
631-377-3323, unionburgerbar.com*

#### WINTER JAZZ SERIES: DAAHOUD SALIM QUINTET

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 6:30 P.M.**

You won't want to miss this cool quintet presented by the Southampton Arts Center and Hamptons Jazz Fest in collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center On the Road Series. Enjoy lots of energy, talent and fun at this exciting U.S. debut. The cost is \$15 for SAC members and \$20 for non-members.

*25 Jobs Lane, Southampton.  
631-283-0967,  
southamptonartscenter.org*

#### DANCE JAM SESSION

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:30 P.M.**

Join The Church in Sag Harbor for this performance followed by a dance party. The performers will use audience ideas to inspire dances and musical performances. Genres include hip-hop, funk and soul. Tickets are \$20.

*48 Madison Street, Sag Harbor. 631-919-5342, thechurchsagharbor.org*

#### SATURDAY NIGHT PUBLICK AFFAIR

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 10 P.M.**

Put on your dancing shoes and head on over to the Southampton Publick House, where you can rock out to the music of DJ Jet-Set. There is a \$5 cover and you can enjoy Happy Hour specials all night.

*62 Jobs Lane,  
Southampton.  
631-283-2800,  
publick.com*

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

#### NYSOA ANNUAL WINTER WATERFOWL COUNT

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, ALL DAY**

Experienced or intermediate birders won't want to miss their chance to help count the number of wintering waterfowl in the area. Call count leader Frank Quevedo at the number below if you're interested.

*Bridgehampton.  
631-537-9735, sofo.org*

#### HOT CHOCOLATE HIKE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14,  
10 A.M.-11 A.M.**

Don't miss this invigorating hike through the Quogue Wildlife Refuge sponsored by the Westhampton Free Library. Pre-registration is required. *3 Old Country Road, Quogue.  
631-288-3335, westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com*

#### ENRICHING PROGRAMS

#### CARS & COFFEE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14,  
8 A.M.-4 P.M.**

Talk about cars with your fellow auto enthusiasts in the newly renovated showroom of the Hampton Car Club. Refreshments will be available for a discounted price.

*471 County Road 39, Southampton.  
631-600-2277, hamptoncarclub.com*

#### OPEN AND EXPAND YOUR HEART & BREATH WITH BACKBENDING

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1 P.M.**

Head on out to Mandala Yoga for this



COURTESY SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER

## OUT &amp; ABOUT ON THE EAST END



MEL KENDRICK'S "NEMO" (1983, WOOD, PLASTER, INK, 66" X 216" X 140", FUNC ART, KINDERHOOK, NY)

workshop exploring how backbends can benefit your breath, alignment, body and spirit. A Zoom streaming option is also available.

*17 Meeting House Lane, Amagansett. 631-267-6144, mandalayoga.com*

#### MLK DAY WEEKEND AT GURNEY'S MONTAUK

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 AND 15

Enjoy the weekend at one of the Hamptons' most popular destinations with a breakfast buffet, cookie decorating and mixology classes.

*290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2345, gurneysresorts.com/montaik*

#### LOW IMPACT CARDIO WITH LISA TAYLOR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 10:15-11:15 A.M.

Get in shape and burn off stress at the Quogue Library with this low-impact, full-body cardio session for all levels. The cost is \$10 per class and pre-registration is required.

*90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224, quogue.librarycalendar.com*

#### FACE IT! DRAWING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 4-5 P.M.

Join the East Hampton Library for this special online event with Joyce Raimondo of the Pollock-Krasner House. You'll learn basic techniques for drawing a human head and facial features. Register online ahead of time and a Zoom ID and password will be emailed to you 15 minutes before the start of the event.

*159 Main Street, East Hampton.*

*631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org*

#### PHOTO EDITING FOR BEGINNERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

If you're a budding photographer who would love to know how to edit your photos, register ahead of time for this fun and educational class in the Morris Room at the Rogers Memorial Library. You'll learn about programs like Photoshop Express, GIMP and Paint.NET.

*91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com*

#### IMPROVE GUT HEALTH NATURALLY PRESENTED BY JESSICA MILAZZO, INTEGRATIVE NUTRITION HEALTH COACH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 7-8 P.M.

During cold and flu season, you've got to focus on your gut, which houses 70% of your immune system! In this special Zoom presentation, you'll get educational content as well as a few

recipes to support gut health. Pre-registration is required.

*2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015, myhamptonlibrary.org*

#### FLOOR YOGA WITH ALTERNATING INSTRUCTORS LEAH & ALINI

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Bring your own mat to this yoga session including seated and standing postures at the Montauk Library. Yoga is known to help with weight loss, stress reduction and mood improvement.

*871 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-3377, montauklibrary.org*

#### WINTER HIKING ON LONG ISLAND LECTURE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 7-8:30 P.M.

Join the Hampton Bays Public Library for this in-person event discussing how you can avoid cabin fever during



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the chilly winter months. You'll learn how to dress and enjoy this fascinating time of year and take in the beauty of nature in the winter.

*52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241, hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com*

#### ART EXHIBITIONS

##### BEAUTY, LOVE, INSPIRATION & THE GARDEN OF FRIENDS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 AND 15

Get your ticket ahead of time to view Judith Leiber's designs and paintings from Gerson Leiber's Cubist period. Meanwhile, explore a winter sculpture garden with works by artists like Monica Banks, Phillippe Cheng and Laurie Lambrecht.

*44 Old Stone Highway, East Hampton. eventbrite.com/e/beauty-love-and-inspiration-winter-garden-a-collaboration-tickets-486902056157*

##### ANNUAL SMALL WORKS HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL

ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 22

Don't miss this special exhibit at the Romany Kramoris Gallery featuring works of over 30 local artists with creations 20" by 20" or smaller. Artists include Adriana Barone, Christopher Engel and Alan Nevins.

*41 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2499, kramorisgallery.com*

##### MEL KENDRICK: SEEING THINGS IN THINGS

ON VIEW THROUGH FEBRUARY 19

Don't miss this exhibit at the Parish Art Museum in which the artist displays objects that provide clues to the process by which they were made. Materials include wood, resin, bronze, rubber and concrete.

*279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org*

##### ADAM PARKER SMITH: STANDING ON THE MOON

ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 30

Adam Parker Smith's exhibit at the Water Mill Center uses creations that resemble sub-zero sleeping bags that are fashioned from resin, steel and urethane. It was created at the onset of the Covid pandemic in response to global loss.

*39 Water Mill Towd Road, Water Mill. 631-726-4628, watermillcenter.org*

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HEAR ROB EUROPE PERFORM THIS WEEKEND.

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**LIVE SHOWS****GREG McMULLEN & PROMISE LAND APIARIES AT COREY CREEK TAP ROOM**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 4-8 P.M.

You won't want to miss great music and a pop-up art show at the Corey Creek Tap Room at Bedell Cellars. Enjoy half-priced flights from any of the wines on tap.

*36225 Main Road, Cutchogue.  
631-734-7537, bedellcellars.com*

**ROB EUROPE AT LIEB CELLARS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 5-7 P.M.

Enjoy the acoustic sounds of Rob Europe at Lieb Cellars, where wines will be available by the glass and bottle and you can enjoy a food menu. Reservations are recommended.

*1305 Oregon Road, Cutchogue.  
631-734-1100, liebcellars.com*

**PINDAR VINEYARDS COMEDY NIGHT**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 7:30 P.M.

Join a group of comedians who have performed at top festivals throughout the country while sipping on

your favorite wines by the glass and bottle. Tickets are available from \$15.

*37645 Main Road, Peconic.  
631-734-6200, pindar.net*

**THE GLEN CRYTZER ORCHESTRA**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 8-10 P.M.  
Join NYC-based bandleader Glen

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*118 Main Street, Riverhead.  
631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com*

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES****WINTER WALK SERIES:  
INDIAN ISLAND**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 10 A.M.

Enjoy this invigorating walk sponsored by Peconic Baykeeper and Peconic Estuary Partnership where you will learn more about the Peconic estuary and surrounding ecosystems. Sign up in advance and dress appropriately for the weather.

*Indian Island County Park, Riverhead.  
alexa@peconicbaykeeper.org,  
peconicbaykeeper.org/events*

**North Fork  
EVENTS**

**ENRICHING PROGRAMS****SUNDAY BRUNCH AT SANNINO VINEYARD**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15,  
10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Enjoy a cozy afternoon at Sannino Vineyard, where you can get a breakfast pizza and two mimosas for \$40. In addition, the regular menu will be available all day. Be sure to reserve your table ahead of time.

*15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue.  
631-734-8282,  
sanninovineyard.com*

**VIRTUAL BODY SCULPTING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 9-10 A.M.

Don't miss this special workout that will leave you feeling fit and energized from the comfort of your living room. Register ahead of time to receive the Zoom link.

*330 Court Street, Riverhead.  
631-727-3228, riverheadlibrary.org*

**MASON JAR COOKIE HOLDER**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 6-7 P.M.

Meet at the Southold Library to make this special craft to get you ready for cold and flu season. You'll paint a mason jar with colorful pastels. The event is free and you can register online ahead of time.

*53705 Main Road,  
Southold.  
631-765-2077,  
southoldlibrary.org*

**ADULTS 21+ ROLLER SKATING**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 5-8 P.M.

Lace up your skates and roll on over to the GDC Skating Rink in Greenport, where \$10 includes a skate rental if you don't bring your own wheels. A pro shop and concession stand are also available.

*102 Third Street, Greenport.  
greenportamericanlegion.org*

**ART EXHIBITIONS****WINTER/ROTATION AT VSOP PROJECTS**

ON VIEW THROUGH MARCH 19

Don't miss the works of artists like Kelly Adelia, Rainer Gross and Arden Scott at VSOP Projects, a contemporary gallery in Greenport Village.

*311 Front Street, Greenport.  
631-603-7736,  
vsopprojects.com*

**AMERICA IN PRINT AT THE SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

ON VIEW THROUGH MAY

Thanks to the invention of color lithography in the early 1800s, art became widely available for anyone who wanted to decorate their home with it. These prints of landscapes, cityscapes and ships capture the art form of printing throughout the century.

*300 West Main Street,  
Riverhead. 631-728-2881,  
suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org*



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## WITH THE KIDS

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### TOP 5 KIDS EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

#### ESCAPE ROOM: THE UPSIDE DOWN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 6 P.M.

Your tween or teen in grades 6–12 will have a great time in this upside-down escape room where they will use clues to solve puzzles and try to escape in an hour. Register ahead of time on the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library website.

*27550 Main Road, Cutchogue, 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org*

#### PIZZA & CANVAS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2:30–4 P.M. Take your teen in grades 8–12 over to the East Hampton Library to paint on a canvas and eat pizza. Register ahead of time and dress to get messy!

*159 Main Street, East Hampton.  
631-324-0222,  
easthamptonlibrary.org*

#### GREAT COOKIE DUNK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 4–4:45 P.M. Hungry little explorers in grades 1–5 can head on over to the Rogers Memorial Library to help Miss Claudia figure out which cookies will sink, float or both. Pre-registration is required.

*91 Coopers Farm Road,  
Southampton. 631-283-0774,  
rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com*

#### TODDLER STUDIO: WINTER MITTENS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1:30–2:30 P.M.

Your little snowman age 1 1/2–4 years can join Miss Amanda in the Children's Room of the Quogue Library to make a winter mitten craft. Register ahead of time!

*90 Quogue Street, Quogue.  
631-653-4224,  
quogue.librarycalendar.com*

#### OPEN-LEVEL IRISH STEP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 6–6:45 P.M.

If your kiddo ages 5–18 is interested in Irish step dancing, take them over to Project Most, where they can make new friends and learn at any level. The cost is \$27 per session or you can register for the series.

*44 Meadow Way, East Hampton.  
631-604-2777, projectmost.org*



YOUR CHILD SHOULD GET READY TO DUNK SOME COOKIES AT THEIR LOCAL LIBRARY!

#### FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

##### THE ALL-STAR

Your kiddos won't want to miss Hyperbowling, a mix of electronics, lights and sensors at the All-Star. There are also plenty of burgers, salads and pizza when they are ready for a break.

*96 Main Road,  
Riverhead.  
631-998-4232,  
theallstargrill.com*

##### BOOKHAMPTON

If you want to inspire your little readers, take them over to BookHampton in East Hampton, where there are plenty of good reads as well as story hours and book signings.

*41 Main Street, East Hampton.*

*631-324-4939,  
bookhampton.com*

Find more events online at  
[DansPapers.com/Events](http://DansPapers.com/Events)

#### BUCKSKILL WINTER CLUB

Get your little skaters out and about at Buckskill, where they can enjoy public ice skating, lessons, hockey and teen nights. Tickets are available by the session or in packets of five or

10 sessions for adults or children. Rent your skates or bring along your favorite pair.

*178 Buckskill Road,  
East Hampton.  
631-324-2243,  
buckskillwinterclub.com*

#### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE EAST END

Learn about ships, windmills and creating a farm at this favorite East End children's destination. Mini golf is free with admission!

*376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton.  
631-537-8250, cmee.org*

#### EAST END SEAPORT MUSEUM

Your nautical little one can visit the

East End Seaport Museum in Greenport on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. during the winter season. Exhibits, lighthouse lenses and a children's room are all part of the fun.

*103 Third Street, Greenport.  
631-477-2100,  
eastendseaport.org*

#### THE FUDGE COMPANY

If your kiddos have a sweet tooth, take them over to The Fudge Company, where they'll enjoy plenty of penny candies, gummies and saltwater taffy. There's also gourmet fudge, which makes a great gift.

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# FOOD & DRINK

## Austrian Wine Pairing, Tate's Cookie Bark & More

BY HARRY POWERS

**N**ick and Toni's will be hosting the Winter in Austria wine pairing dinner on January 26. Inspired by winter in the Alps, the meal stars indigenous grape varieties and the traditional fare of the storied region. Starting at 6:30 p.m. and costing \$150 (excluding tax and gratuity), the banquet was lovingly crafted by Chef Michael Zuckerman, Pastry Chef Kelsey Roden and Honest Man Group Beverage Director Chimene Macnaughton. Canapes such as braised oxtail, foie gras torchon, creamed herring tart and speck ham with drunken goat cheese, served with a sparkling brut wine, will get the festivities started. The first course features beet-cured Arctic char with samplings of two Gruner Veltliner white wines, the second course is rabbit schnitzel with spaetzle, and smoked duck leg and pinot noir for the third. Last but not least, dessert is a scrumptious apple Linzer tart, Nero cookies and furmint wine. The wines will be available to purchase for special pricing at the event. Reservations can be made at [nickandtonis.com](http://nickandtonis.com).

The Roundtree in Amagansett is hosting an intimate Lunar New Year celebration, where the owner's family recipes and traditions will be shared, on Sunday, January 22 (not January 28, as previously reported). Learn more at [theroundtreehotels.com](http://theroundtreehotels.com).

Tate's Bake Shop's recently announced the launch of two new cookie types. Cookie Bark, which consists of bite-sized pieces of Tate's signature crispy chocolate cookie covered in rich chocolate and other toppings, is debuting with two flavors: Dark Chocolate with Sea Salt and Milk Chocolate with White Chocolate Drizzle. If you're stumped on which one to try first, here's a solution — get both! In the last few years, Tate's has also introduced vegan, pumpkin spice and blueberry crisp cookies to their repertoire. To quote the Cookie Monster, "om nom nom nom nom." Bonus fun fact: Tate's was sold to Riverside for \$100 million in 2014 and then sold again to Mondelez International, which owns Oreo and Chips Ahoy!, for a whopping sum of



NEW TATE'S COOKIE BARK

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\$500 million in 2018. Not bad for a thin cookie.

It's the most delicious time of the year! Winter Long Island Restaurant Week is taking place from Sunday, January 29 to Sunday, February 5, and there are a number of prix fixe options for diners to enjoy: a \$22 two-course lunch and \$27/\$37/\$44 three-course dinners. Many restaurants will be offering several of the prix fixe menus, takeout options and indoor/outdoor dining. Visit the website, [longislandrestaurantweek.com](http://longislandrestaurantweek.com), to see which restaurants are participating close to you.

### Did You Know?

The Good Ground Café in the newly renovated Canoe Place Inn is getting stellar reviews and word-of-mouth since opening over the summer. The stunningly decorated interior is matched by the delectable dishes. Favorites include the shrimp scampi pizza, cacio e pepe, lobster roll crostini and bouillabaisse. The cocktail menu is also impressive.

### Bits & Bites:

There's no need to sacrifice deliciousness during Dry January. Some of our favorite mocktails on the East End include Coche Comedor's prickly pear limeade and tamarind limeade, The Bell & Anchor's strawberry Thai basil spritz and Nick & Toni's ginger cooler mocktail.

Happiness is a bowl of warm soup on a cold day. We're impartial to the seafood bisque at the Cooperage Inn



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NICK AND TONI'S WINE DINNER

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in Baiting Hollow, the Italian Wedding Soup (utilizing beef meatballs, chicken broth and local vegetables) at Ruggero's in Wading River, the clam chowder from Tweed's Restaurant & Buffalo Bar in Riverhead and the butternut squash soup at Love Lane

Kitchen in Mattituck. Bring out the soup spoon!

### Food Quote:

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading." —Henny Youngman

# Recipe: On the Docks Broiled Miso Oysters

This recipe for broiled miso oysters comes to us from the fine folks at On the Docks in Aquebogue. The list of ingredient quantities is ideal to serve four.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 24 oysters (local Blue Point) shucked, half shell
- jalapeño (seeded, minced)
- lime, sliced
- miso butter

#### MISO BUTTER

- 6 tbsp unsalted butter, room temp
- 4 tbsp white miso
- 2 scallions, chopped white & green
- juice of 1 lime
- fresh ground pepper

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix all miso butter ingre-

dients until incorporated, form into a log, wrap in plastic wrap, refrigerate at least 1 hour.

2. Preheat broiler to high.
3. Shuck oysters and place on baking sheet.
4. Cut miso butter into 1/2-inch-thick slices.
5. Place a slice of miso butter on each oyster.
6. Place under preheated broiler for approximately 3 minutes or until butter melts.
7. Arrange broiled oysters on plate, and minced jalapeños in middle of each oyster.
8. Place a dot of sriracha in the middle of each oyster and serve.

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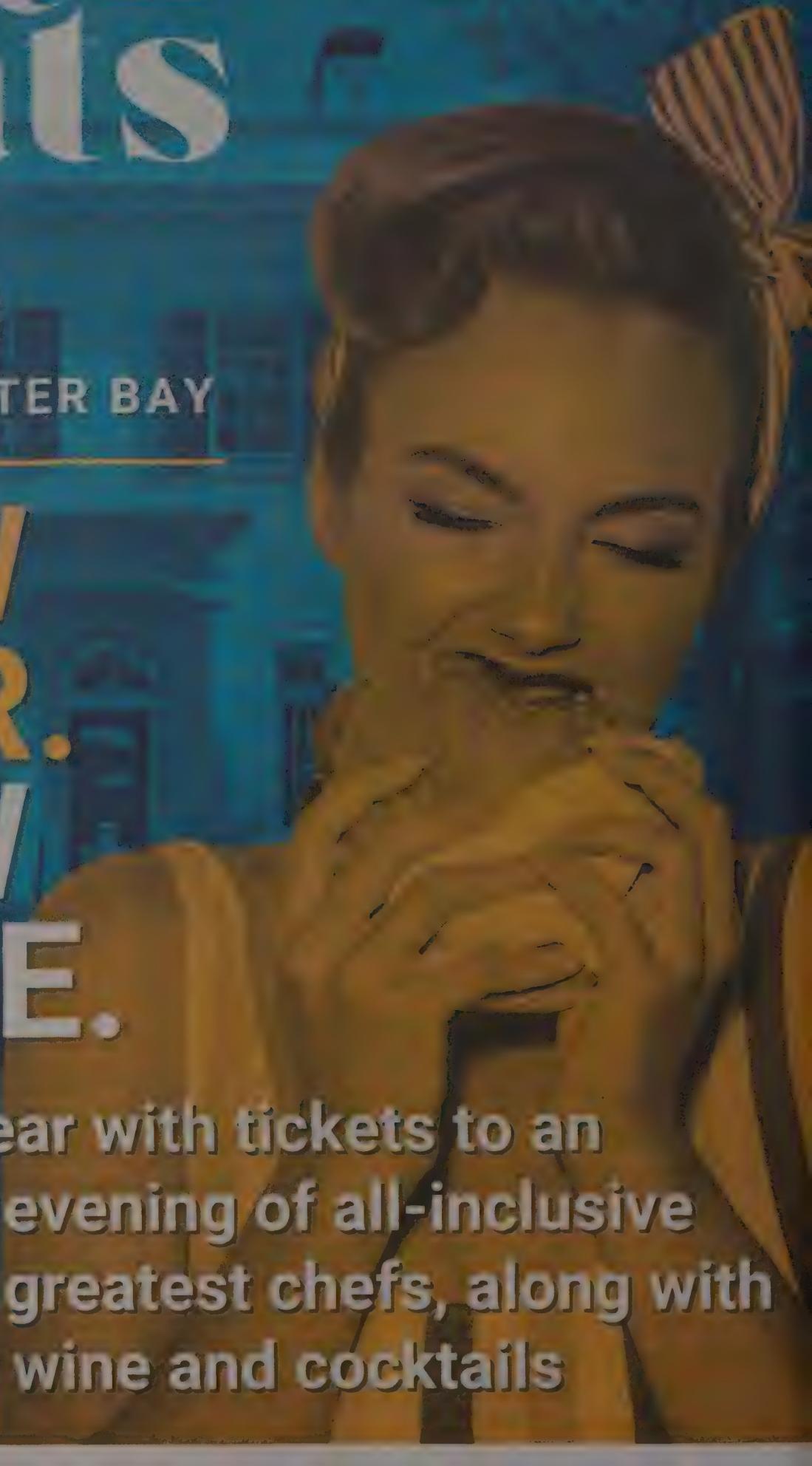
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# Something to Wine About: GEA by Root:1 2020

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

This column might not be for wine snobs, but, in deference to those particular oenophiles, I will say this wine, this boxed wine, is perfectly quaffable. "Quaffable," for those who aren't wine snobs, means it is easy and pleasant to drink a lot of it. Drinkable might suffice as a definition, but again, quaffable was a nod to the wine snobs.

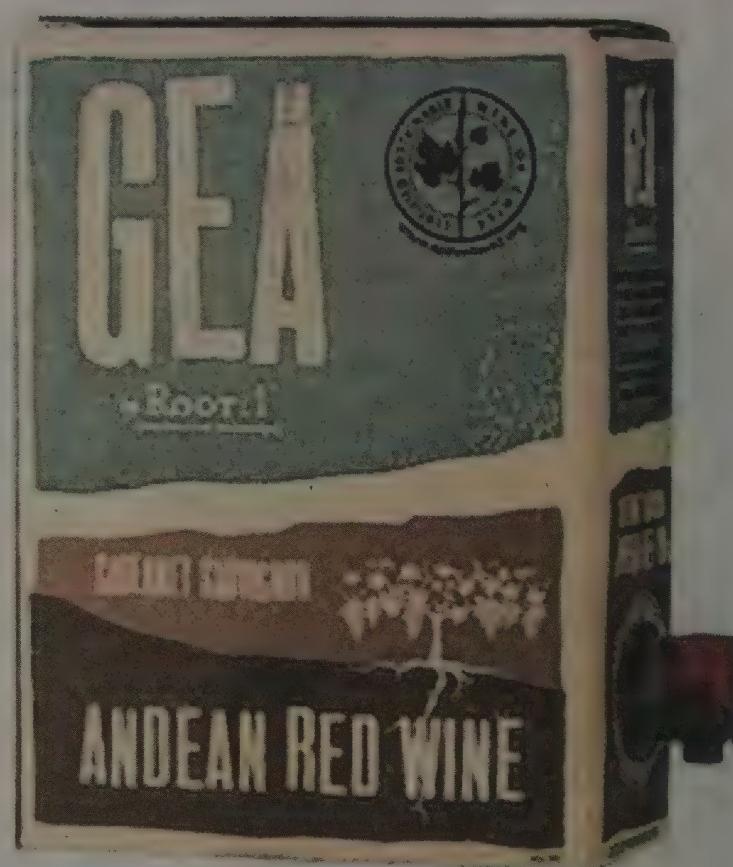
Just so the lede isn't buried, this boxed wine, GEA by Root:1 2020, retails for \$24 and holds the equivalent of four bottles of wine. It is Chile's first certified sustainable winery. In this 100% sustainable blend is cabernet sauvignon and pais, Chile's ancestral grape variety. Just 40% of the wine remained in contact with French and American oak during only four months.

What this wine isn't is a California cabernet. It actually tastes a bit more old-world-

style. Though medium-bodied, it's still quite a bit lighter, and far less oaky, than a California cabernet. Super easy to pair with food, it is an excellent table wine.

So, the question one might have is why purchase a simple, easy-to-drink, boxed wine? One answer might be because of its portability — think four bulky and breakable glass bottles, as compared to one relatively small, compact box.

In this case, picnics and larger outdoor gatherings immediately come to mind. But, if one is the only red wine drinker at home, this boxed wine allows you to enjoy a fresh glass of red without worrying about the other three glasses left in the bottle. Often after opening a bottle of wine, it becomes a game of "beat the clock" worrying about how long the leftover wine will still taste good. But this box, once opened, stays fresh for about two weeks when stored in a fridge.



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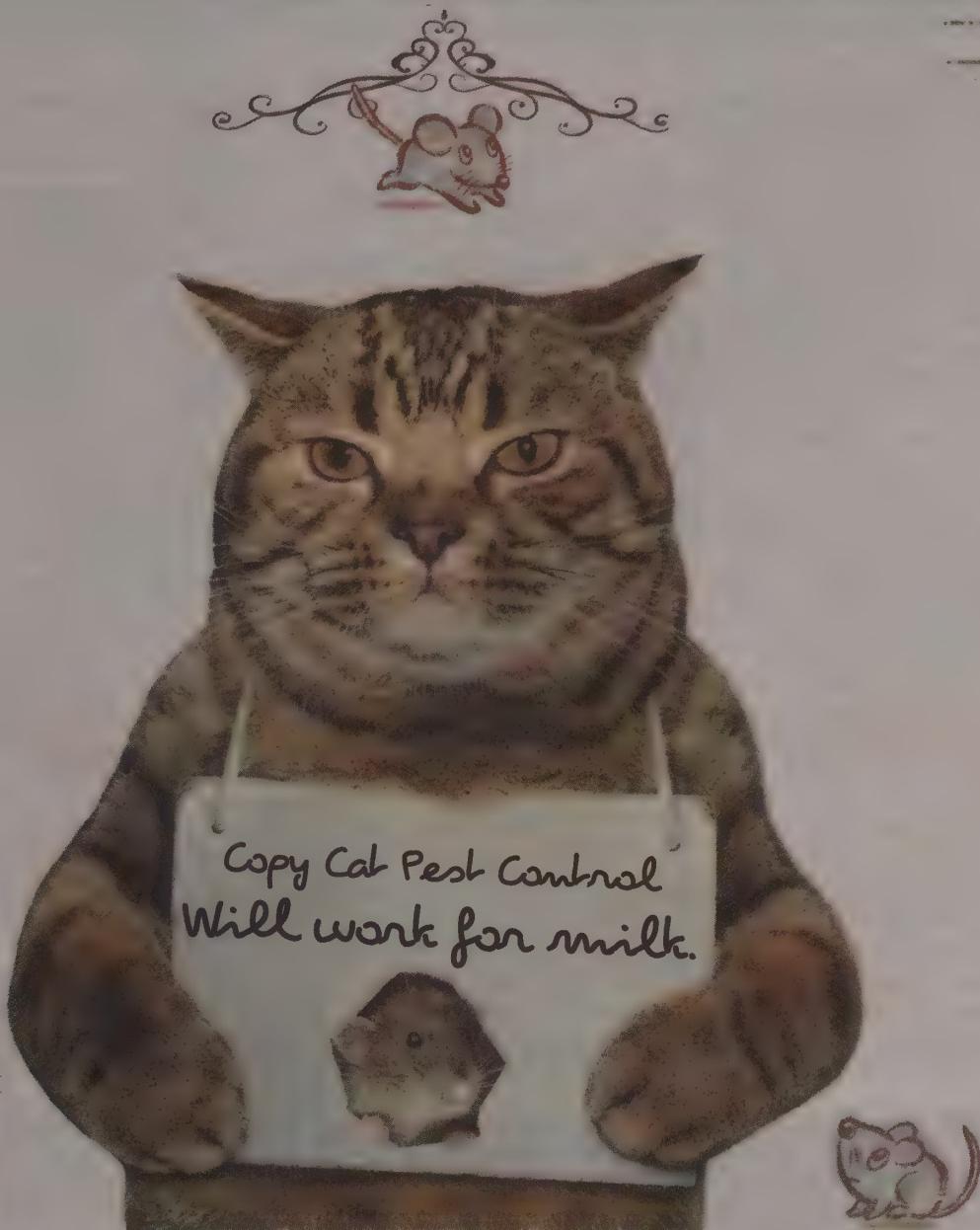
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## OBITUARY

# Wading River Judge Theresa Whelan Leaves Legacy of Compassionate Leadership

Retired jurist Theresa Whelan of Wading River, who in 2018 became the first Democrat to win the Suffolk County Surrogate's Court Judge seat in a century, died December 26 following a battle with cancer. She was 60.

As the supervising judge of the Suffolk County Family Court, Whelan instituted reforms that helped provide remote access to temporary orders of protection, and she was a catalyst of the FOCUS program that expedites services addressing trauma and developmental needs of children and parents in the courts.

"She was a fair and compassionate jurist who served as a leader within the court system," says Rich Schaffer, chairman of the Suffolk Democratic Committee. "She was a loving mother and wife, and a great friend."

Born on January 21, 1962 to John and Joan Bryant, Whelan graduated from Sayville High School. She received a BA in English and a Master of Science in policy analysis and public management from Stony Brook, then graduated Albany Law School in 1988.

She began her legal career as a Suffolk assistant county attorney. She later served as senior law clerk to Supreme Court Judge Eli Wagner in Nassau County and principal law clerk in Suffolk County for Supreme Court Judge Mary M. Werner and, later, Supreme



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Court Judge William B. Rebolini.

She took the bench herself in 2008. In Family Court, she heard primarily child abuse and neglect cases and presided over Family Treatment Court, where she worked to safely reunite families. Then as Suffolk's

Surrogate judge, she presided over proceedings for wills, trusts and estates as well as guardianship.

Whelan was the lead judge of the Suffolk County Court Improvement Project, a collaborative of judges, lawyers, child welfare specialists and mental health professionals creating innovative court practices to help troubled parents safely care for their own children. She was recently appointed to serve on the NY State Commission on Parental Representation, which is tasked with holding public hearings and reporting on the status and quality of lawyers representing parents in child welfare cases. She was also past president of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association.

She and her husband, Suffolk County Supreme Court Justice Thomas F. Whelan, recently celebrated their 32nd anniversary. They raised two children, Joseph and Erin, and Whelan was a proud grandmother to Erin's 1-year-old daughter Andrea.

In her spare time, Whelan could often be found hiking, kayaking or spending time at the beach. She ran in several half marathons in recent years.

She continued her dedication to the public good even after her cancer diagnosis, volunteering to participate in clinical trials, despite the risks, in hopes of helping find a cure. Her family, friends and former colleagues remember her as someone who braved challenges with grace and compassion.

Whelan is survived by her mother, husband, son, daughter and granddaughter, as well as brothers Jack Bryant and Christopher Bryant; sisters Vaughn Bogucki and Victoria Yule; and many nieces and nephews.

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## How to Create More Privacy on Your Property

An inviting backyard can serve as a welcome retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life. After a long day at the office or an exhausting day spent transporting kids to and fro, it's hard to resist the allure of a peaceful outdoor space in which to unwind. Privacy is a key component of any backyard oasis, but many suburban homeowners need to tweak their landscapes if they hope to create a private outdoor space.

Most homeowners looking to create more privacy on their property must choose between fencing and planting. Fencing provides immediate privacy because, once it's installed, no one can see into the yard. Fencing also doesn't require watering or other immediate upkeep, which will be necessary when planting to ensure tree roots can establish themselves. But planting has its benefits as well.

Planting for privacy is essentially creating a living fence that can grow over time and provide even more privacy as trees reach maturity. Plants also tend to be less costly than fencing. Large, mature trees can be expensive, though it's unlikely they will cost as much as fencing. In addition, fencing requires more maintenance and will potentially need to be replaced, while native trees won't require

much upkeep and can last for generations.

Homeowners who choose to plant for privacy will next have to decide which type of plants to add to their properties. Evergreens provide year-round privacy because they don't shed their leaves, so these are the ones most often chosen when creating a living fence. A number of varieties of evergreen trees can do the job, but it's important that homeowners consult with a landscape architect prior to choosing trees so they can ensure the trees will thrive when faced with the growing conditions on their properties.

**Leyland Cypress:** The Arbor Day Foundation notes that the Leyland Cypress is popular for hedges and boundaries, likely because a typical tree reaches a mature height of 60–70 feet and can spread as wide as 20 feet. The Leyland grows fast, which appeals to homeowners who can't wait to establish privacy.

**Green Giant Arborvitae:** There are different varieties of the arborvitae, but the Green Giant tends to be the go-to option for privacy. The ADF notes that Green Giants will grow up to 3 feet per year until they reach maturity, providing a fast-growing option for privacy planters. The Green Gi-



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ant can spread as wide as 20 feet at maturity, which is another attribute that makes it popular among homeowners.

**Eastern White Pine:** The ADF notes that the Eastern White Pine, which can reach heights of up to 80 feet, is favored in spacious yards. That's likely due to its height and potential spread, which can reach 40 feet. Homeowners who choose the Eastern White Pine might like it for its resemblance to a Christmas tree, and, in fact, it's widely used for that purpose. The privacy provided by this pine is significant, but it might be best suited to especially large properties.

Whether it's fencing or planting, homeowners have many options to consider as they seek to create more privacy on their properties.

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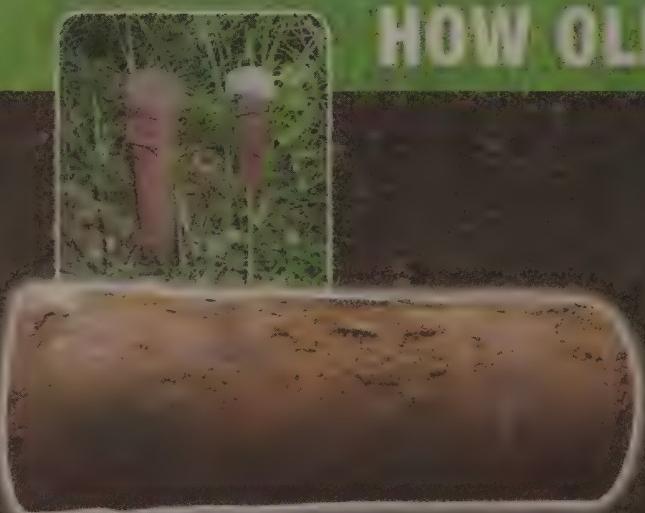


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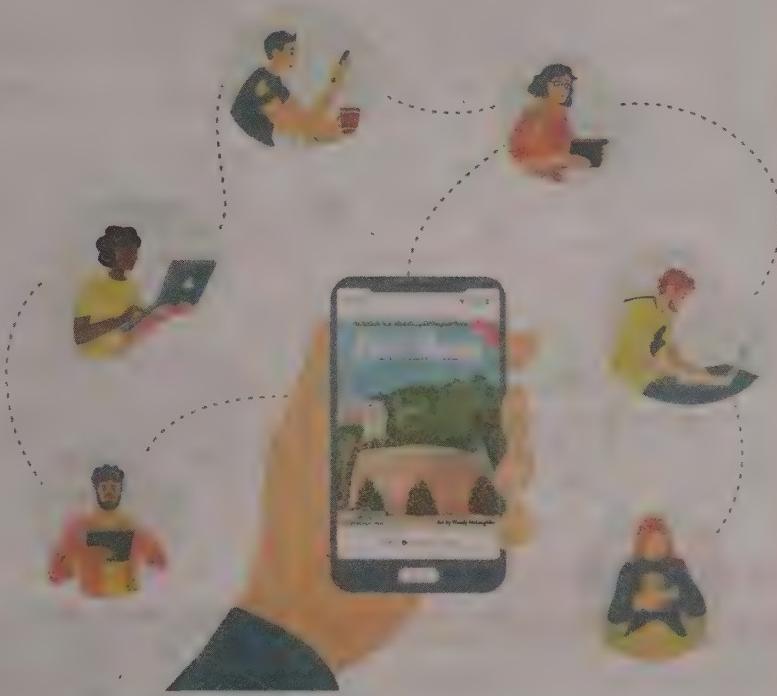
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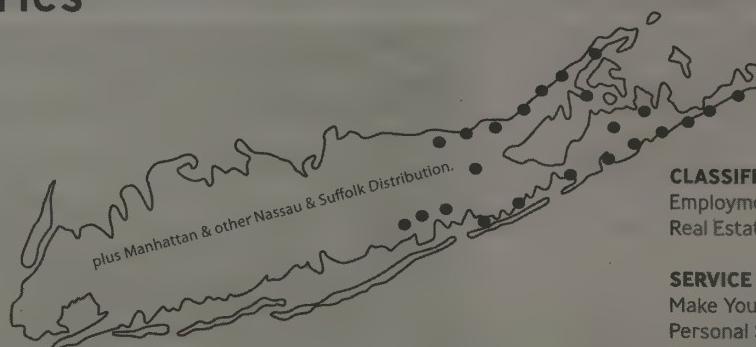
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## *Anthony Carter: Incoming Southampton Village Police Chief*

BY TODD SHAPIRO

**A**nTHONY Carter is a seasoned law enforcement veteran with nearly three decades of experience ensuring public safety. Appointed deputy commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department in 2021 after 28 years with the NYPD, Carter will soon assume a new role as the chief of police for the Southampton Village Police Department.

Carter began his career in law enforcement in February 1994 after graduating from the police academy. He was a dedicated member of law enforcement, rising up the ranks of the NYPD. He would serve in various roles in the department, overseeing strategy, logistics and operations throughout his tenure.

In January 2021, Carter became the deputy police commissioner of administration and operations for the SCPD. He has created several new crime-fighting strategies, increased operational effectiveness and worked tirelessly to foster trust and partnerships with the communities throughout Suffolk.

Carter holds a master's degree in homeland security from the Naval Postgraduate School in California. He also holds a criminal justice degree from the City University of New York.

Carter is no stranger to Long Island's East End. He grew up in Manorville for most of his youth and frequently visits

ed the South Fork. From this personal experience, he has an understanding of the tasks that lie ahead, but it's clear that his main priority is learning more about the communities that he will soon serve.

"This is a great opportunity to lead a premier police department in Southampton Village, while also getting to know a lot of the residents, business owners and the people who call Southampton Village home," he says. "I've spent the last several months researching. I've watched the recordings of every board meeting from the last three years and that has helped me get a good understanding from the residents of what the biggest issues are. Many of these residents I haven't met yet. I've dedicated a tremendous amount of time and research to understanding this community, that I will be proud to serve."

Unlike the NYPD and the SCPD, two of the largest urban and suburban police departments in the country, the Southampton Village Police Department has approximately 30 sworn officers. This is an asset, Carter says, when asked how this might impact him in the role of chief.

"I see it as advantageous to get to intimately know all of the members of the department, all of the civilian and sworn members," he says. "This will create a great foundation for a hands-on approach to community policing,

that I may not have had with the NYPD or the Suffolk County Police Department.

"I have walked the streets of Southampton Village to get a new understanding," he continues. "I've been in the community, met with clergy and talked to business owners. I've got an understanding of the traffic issues that have been problematic for many years. ... Come day one, I want to take a good, hard look at the quality-of-life issues. I want to address these with my other law enforcement partners through utilizing county and state resources to look at the traffic conditions and the other issues that the village faces."

Having three decades of experience in law enforcement, too, has its advantages. The experience in New York City and Suffolk will prove valuable to Carter, come March 2023, when he assumes the role of chief.

"In my 28 years with the NYPD, I served both in operational and administrative roles," he recalls. "I worked on developing policies and implementing strategies both large and small. I have led and run commands, policy, strategy and operational efficiency, which are things that I have been able to focus on."

"I did three years in the transportation bureau, which specialized in traffic control in New York City," he adds. "This could be very beneficial for me,

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His work has touched on everything from routine traffic matters to presidential visits.

Carter says innovative solutions must be implemented to address the issues facing Southampton Village.

"I intend to develop new strategies, outside-the-box thinking, all aimed at mitigating some of the issues and preserving public safety," he says. "My primary objective will always be working with the community, keeping all of our residents safe and providing for police officers to have the tools, resources, technology and support they need to effectively perform their duties."

"My immediate goal will be to understand the challenges that are faced, be it in the busy summer months as well as in the off-season months, to develop a thorough understanding of Southampton," he continues. "I am looking forward to getting to work to start solving some of the problems."

And when asked about his excitement for the task ahead, Carter says succinctly: "Even after 28 years in public service, it is still exciting and a passion of mine."

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